

# BIOETHICS & HUMANITIES NEWSLETTER



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## WELCOME...

*Welcome* to the monthly Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter provided by the Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

### **Program in Bioethics and Humanities:** *Our Mission*

We are committed to helping healthcare professionals explore and understand the increasingly complex ethical questions that have been brought on by advances in medical technology and the health care system. We achieve this through education, research, and service within the Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa Health Care, University of Iowa, and the wider Iowa community.

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# BIOETHICS RESOURCES

## COVID-19 ETHICS RESOURCES

- ⇒ [2020 Survey of America's Physicians: Covid-19 Impact Edition](#)
- ⇒ The AMA Journal of Ethics: [Covid-19 Ethics Resource Center](#)
- ⇒ Bioethics.net and the American Journal of Bioethics: [Bioethics Toolkit Resources for COVID-19](#)
- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [Ethics Resources on the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- ⇒ The [Hasting Center Report May/June 2020 Issue](#) (dedicated to COVID-19)
- ⇒ Health Affairs: [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus Disease\) Resource Center](#)
- ⇒ Johns Hopkins University: [Coronavirus Ethics and Policy Insights and Resources](#)
- ⇒ John's Hopkins University: [An ethical framework for the COVID-19 reopening process](#)
- ⇒ John's Hopkins University Center for Health Security: [Interim Framework for COVID-19 vaccine allocation and distribution in the United States](#)
- ⇒ UIHC Ethics Rounds (6/17/20): [Life, liberty, and COVID-19: An ethical examination of social distancing](#)
- ⇒ UNC Center for Bioethics: [Pandemic Ethics Resources](#)
- ⇒ World Health Organization: [Ethics and Covid-19: Resource allocation and priority-setting](#)



## RESOURCES ON CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE, RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND TRIAGE DECISION MAKING

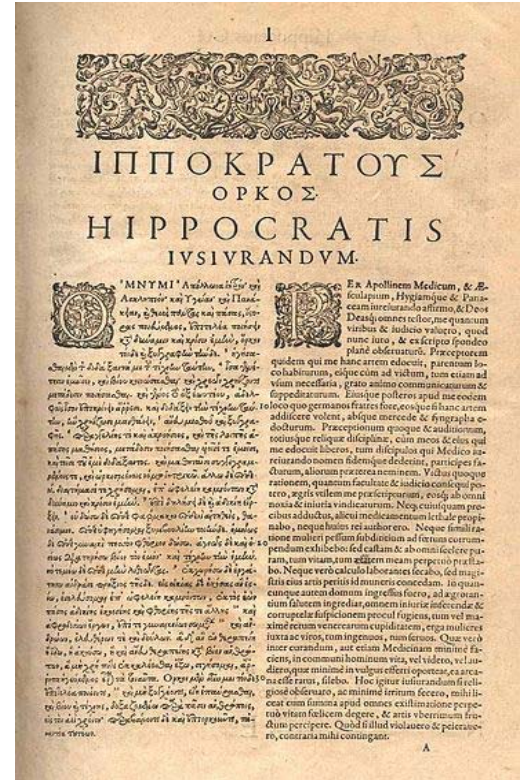
- ⇒ ASPR TRACIE Topic Collection: [Crisis Standards of Care](#)
- ⇒ Institute of Medicine (2012): [Crisis Standards of Care: A Systems Framework for Catastrophic Disaster Response](#)
- ⇒ Minnesota Department of Health (2019): [Patient Care Strategies for Scarce Resource Situations](#)
- ⇒ Minnesota Department of Health (2020): [Minnesota Crisis Standards of Care Framework](#)
- ⇒ New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, New York State Department of Health (2015): [Ventilator Allocation Guidelines](#)
- ⇒ The Pandemic Influenza Ethics Initiative Work Group of the Veteran's Health Administration's National Center for Ethics in Health Care (2010): [Meeting the Challenge of Pandemic Influenza: Ethical Guidance for Leaders and Health Care Professionals in the Veterans Health Administration](#)

# OATHS AND ETHICS

AN ADVANCED ELECTIVE FOR CCOM STUDENTS  
(FEB. 8-MAR. 4, 2021)

*Oaths and Ethics (MED:8413)* is an Advanced Elective directed by Dr. Kaldjian. It is a course for CCOM students who are in the last phase of the CCOM curriculum. It aims to help students gain a deeper appreciation for the meaning and significance of a medical oath, both for themselves, and for their profession and society. In this four-week elective, students will have the opportunity to discuss the history and purpose of medical oaths, examine the content of medical oaths in terms of ethical values and obligations, reflect on ethical principles and virtues communicated in ethics-related seminars at UIHC, and write a medical oath that crystalizes their own most important professional commitments.

The elective is full for 2021, but students who are interested in taking this elective in 2022 can email [Dr. Kaldjian](mailto:Dr.Kaldjian) for more information or register for the elective by contacting the CCOM Registrar's Office.



# BIOETHICS TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

## THE ETHICS OF CAREGIVER-CONTROLLED ANALGESIA AT THE END-OF-LIFE

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*“Perhaps the only way to avoid such potential conflicts is to completely ban leaders of nonprofit AMCs [academic medical centers] from holding outside for-profit industry directorships. This will protect them and the institutions they serve while avoiding damage to the public trust.”*

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## BIOETHICS SERVICES AT THE UIHC

### ETHICS CONSULT SERVICE

This service is a resource for patients, family members, or health professionals at UIHC who would like help addressing an ethical question or problem related to a patient's care. Consults can be ordered by UIHC clinicians through EPIC. Consults can also be requested by calling (319) 356-1616 and asking for the ethics consultant on call. For more information, [click here](#).



### CLINICAL RESEARCH ETHICS SERVICE

We provide free consultation on ethical issues related to research design, tissue banking, genetic research results, informed consent, and working with vulnerable patient populations. In particular, we assist clinical investigators in identifying and addressing the ethical challenges that frequently arise when designing or conducting research with human subjects. These include ethical challenges in sampling design; randomized and placebo-controlled studies; participant recruitment and informed consent; return of individual-level research results; community engagement processes; and more. For more information, [click here](#).

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