

Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter

PROGRAM IN BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES, CARVER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
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UPCOMING EVENTS

For a list of more upcoming events related to bioethics and humanities, [click here](#).

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

“Both the bias against allocating transplants to patients with alcohol-associated liver disease (ALD) and the belief that 6 months of abstinence from drinking is necessary seem to be declining. Perhaps there is less stigma around heavy alcohol consumption as a cause of advanced liver disease requiring transplant.”

To read more, click here: [Mitchell & Maddrey \(JAMA Intern Med; 2019\)](#)

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](#).



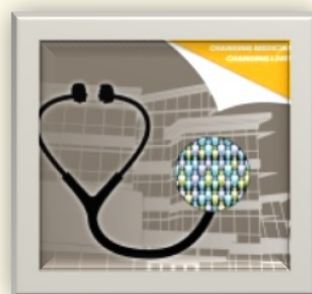
Welcome to the monthly Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter provided by the Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

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. [More Details About The Program](#)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE



Save the Date

*4th Annual Ethics in
Healthcare Conference 2019*

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

The Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Roy and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, in cooperation with the College of Nursing, will host its 4th Annual Ethics in Healthcare Conference on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the Medical Education and Research Facility (MERF). For more information, please check out our [website](#).

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](#).

READING ETHICS AT UIHC

If you are interested to see what the UIHC Ethics Subcommittee was reading in January, click on the following links ([article 1](#); [article 2](#); [article 3](#)).



HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to visit the [John Martin Rare Book Room website](#). On this website you will find resources, [digital exhibits](#), and news/highlights.

For a list of the University of Iowa History of Medicine Society 2018/2019 Presentations and Events, [click here](#).

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT

Reconceptualizing Harms and Benefits in the Genomic Age

Anya ER Prince & Benjamin E Berkman

[Personalized Medicine, 2018;15\(5\):419-428](#)

As new, high-powered sequencing technologies are increasingly incorporated into genomics research, we believe that there has been a break point in how risks and benefits associated with genetic information are being characterized and understood. Genomic sequencing provides the potential benefit of a wealth of information, but also has the potential to alter how we conceptualize risks of sequencing. Until now, our conceptions of risks and benefits have been generally static, arising out of the early ethical, legal and social implications studies conducted in the context of targeted genetics. This paper investigates how the increasing availability of genetic information is changing views about risks and benefits, particularly examining our evolving understanding of psychosocial harms and our expanding conception of benefit. We argue that the lack of robust empirical evidence of psychosocial harms and the expanding view that benefits of genomic research include indirect familial benefit necessitate continued ethical, legal and social implications research.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

FEBRUARY PRESENTATION

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society
invites you to hear:



William Osler: His Life and Sense of Humor

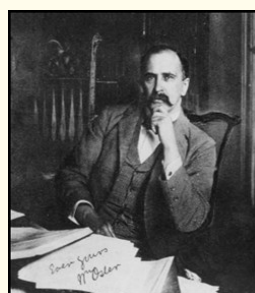
Robert Rakel

Professor Emeritus, Family and Community Medicine
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

Location: 2117 MERF (Medical Education & Research Facility)



HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY
2019 R. PALMER HOWARD DINNER

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society
announces the 2019 R. Palmer Howard Dinner



Artificial Hearts: A Controversial Medical Technology and its Sensational Patient Cases

Shelley McKellar

Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine,
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry,
Western University, London, Ontario, Canada

Date: Friday, April 5, 2019

Time: dinner at 7:00pm; presentation at 8:00pm

Location: Radisson Hotel, Coralville

For more information, please check out the [flyer](#).

LITERARY HIGHLIGHT FROM A CCOM FACULTY MEMBER

[How to Fire Your Doctor](#)

A medical humanities piece recently published in *Pulse – Voices from the Heart of Medicine* by UI professor emeritus Dr. Carol Scott-Connor.

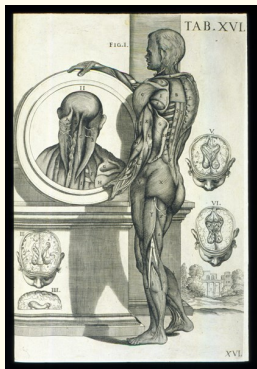


BIOETHICS RESOURCE
ACP ETHICS MANUAL, 7TH EDITION

The seventh edition of the American College of Physicians (ACP) Ethics Manual was published in January 2019 in [Annals of Internal Medicine](#). The latest edition of the Manual reflects on the ethical tenets of medicine and their application in new circumstances, but also revisits older topics that are still very pertinent.



ROBERT D. SPARKS WRITING CONTEST



The purpose of this contest is to examine the influences of history, ethics, culture, literature, philosophy, sociology, or related frameworks on medicine, the practice of medicine, and the human condition.

Two \$1,200 awards will be given to the best submissions that examine a significant issue in medicine using ethical, historical, or cultural perspectives. In case of a tie, judges reserve the right to split a prize. This competition is open to all medical students and physician assistant students enrolled in the UI Carver College of Medicine.

Submissions should be 2500-5000 words in length, double spaced with 1-inch margins in a 12 point font (approximately 12 to 20 pages).

Deadline for entry: March 26, 2019

For more information, [click here](#).

BIOETHICS LITERATURE

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- ⇒ Ellis P, Dugdale LS. How should clinicians respond when different standards of care are applied to undocumented patients? [AMA J Ethics](#). 2019 Jan 1; 21: E26-31.
- ⇒ Foglia MB, Lowery J, Sharpe VA, et al. A comprehensive approach to eliciting, documenting, and honoring patient wishes for care near the end of life: The veterans health administration's life-sustaining treatment decisions initiative. [Jt Comm J Qual Patient Saf](#). 2019 Jan; 45: 47-56.
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- ⇒ Kendal E. Public health crises in popular media: How viral outbreak films affect the public's health literacy. [Med Humanit](#). 2019 Jan 19. [Epub ahead of print]
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BIOETHICS LITERATURE (CONTINUED)

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- ⇒ Walker P, Lovat T. Dialogic consensus in medicine—a justification claim. [J Med Philos](#). 2019 Jan 14; 44: 71-84.
- ⇒ Wenzel RP. RVU medicine, technology, and physician loneliness. [N Engl J Med](#). 2019 Jan 24; 380: 305-307.
- ⇒ Yuan CM. Perfect compliance: The 2018 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Well-Being Survey. [Ann Intern Med](#). 2019 Jan 22. [Epub ahead of print]



BIOETHICS NEWS AND EVENTS

- ⇒ [Medicine needs a culture change to retain talented physicians](#). STAT News, January 28, 2019.
- ⇒ [Iowa abortion bill deemed unconstitutional, New York bill is signed into law](#). BioEdge, January 29, 2019.
- ⇒ [What a medical school on a Rwandan hilltop can teach the United States](#). Politico, January 27, 2019.
- ⇒ [After 'CRISPR babies,' international medical leaders aim to tighten genome editing guidelines](#). STAT News, January 24, 2019.
- ⇒ [The tricky ethics of transplants for addicts](#). The Atlantic, January 19, 2019.
- ⇒ [Wrong cancer diagnosis leaves Iowan suffering after unnecessary surgery, lawsuit says](#). Des Moines Register, January 7, 2019.
- ⇒ [A shattering breach of trust: What happens to patients when their doctor is not who he claimed to be?](#) STAT News, January 3, 2019.

Registration is now open for a series of pediatric ethics webinars hosted by Children's Mercy Kansas City Bioethics Center. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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