

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 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP): [Ethical principles for allocating initial supplies of COVID-19 vaccine—United States, 2020](#)
- ⇒ 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 Hastings Center: [Ethical challenges in the middle tier of Covid-19 vaccine allocation—NEW!](#)
- ⇒ 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](#)
- ⇒ Seton Hall University: [COVID Ethics Series—NEW!](#)
- ⇒ 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](#)

BIOETHICS TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

TRISOMY 18

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BIOETHICS IN THE NEWS

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- ⇒ [Family splits over fate of unresponsive man in England](#). BioEdge, January 24, 2021.
- ⇒ [Filing suit for 'wrongful life.'](#) The New York Times, January 22, 2021.
- ⇒ [With painstaking effort, Black doctors' group takes aim at Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy](#). STAT News, January 22, 2021.
- ⇒ [Fate of independent medical ethics decisions in court's hands](#). AMA Advocacy Update Newsletter, January 20, 2021.
- ⇒ ['You can't treat if you can't empathize:' Black doctors tackle vaccine hesitancy](#). NPR, January 19, 2021.
- ⇒ [Vaccine nationalism puts world on brink of 'catastrophic moral failure': WHO chief](#). Reuters, January 18, 2021.
- ⇒ ['What if you just don't tell anyone?' Why some people pretend they never had COVID-19](#). The Atlantic, January 17, 2021.
- ⇒ [Opt-out organ donation: Is Nova Scotia's new 'deemed consent' law ethical?](#) The Conversation, January 17, 2021.

"In January 2021, Nova Scotia will become the first place in Canada to have 'deemed consent' for organ donation. Under this law, it will be assumed that people who don't document their wishes about organ donation have consented to becoming organ donors. This is sometimes called an 'opt-out' system, and is used in some European countries."

(The Conversation, January 17, 2021)

- ⇒ [Coronavirus is driving these nurses to quit: 'I realized my voice was too small to fix things.'](#) The Lily, January 14, 2021.
- ⇒ [The bioethics of built health care spaces](#). Hastings Center Bioethics Forum, January 13, 2021.
- ⇒ [Vaccines were a chance to redeem failures in the U.S. coronavirus response. What went wrong?](#) The Washington Post, January 11, 2021.



BIOETHICS OPPORTUNITIES

ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE, HEALTH EQUITY, AND COMMUNITY: AN UPCOMING HASTINGS CENTER EVENT

DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

TIME: 11:00AM-noon CST

Open to the public and FREE of charge

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



“THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS:” A DISCUSSION OF RACE AND MEDICAL ETHICS

SPONSORS: University of Iowa Human Subjects Office
University of Iowa Lecture Committee

DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

TIME: 7:00-8:30 PM CST

Open to the public and FREE of charge

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



AJOB WEBINAR: COVID VACCINES AND ALLOCATION

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

TIME: 11:00AM-12:15PM CST

Open to the public and FREE of charge

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



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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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