

BIOETHICS & HUMANITIES NEWSLETTER



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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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ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2020

5th Annual Conference

The Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine will host its 5th annual Ethics in Healthcare Conference on Friday, May 29, 2020 in the Medical Education Research Facility (MERF).

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

Friday, May 29th 2020

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BIOETHICS EDUCATIONAL TOPIC OF THE MONTH: SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE PATIENT-PROVIDER RELATIONSHIP



Take Home Points

- Social media is prevalent in the personal and professional lives of healthcare professionals.
- Interaction with patients via social media or 'patient-targeted googling' may hinder a provider's ability to care for the patient in an ethical manner.

Key References

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Tools and Resources

- UI Healthcare Social Media Policy: <https://uihc.org/social-media-policy>
- UI Human Resources Social Media Usage: <https://hr.uiowa.edu/policies/social-media-usage>
- Statement on Guidelines for the Ethical Use of Social Media by Surgeons: <https://www.facs.org/about-acs/statements/116-social-media>



PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT

Clarifying Core Content of Goals of Care Discussions

Lauris C. Kaldjian
[J Gen Intern Med](#) (2019)

A recent review reveals what many of us observe in practice: clinicians use the phrase “goals of care” in a variety of ways, often with a definition more assumed than revealed. The phrase is of particular importance when it is used to refer to a certain kind of conversation between a clinician and patient (or family), often called a “goals of care discussion.” Sometimes the need for such a discussion is a clinician’s shorthand way of indicating it is time to clarify a patient’s code status or shift the focus of care to palliation. At other times, goals of care discussions refer to the need for a specific approach to conversation about a more general plan of care.

To read the rest of the article, [click here](#).

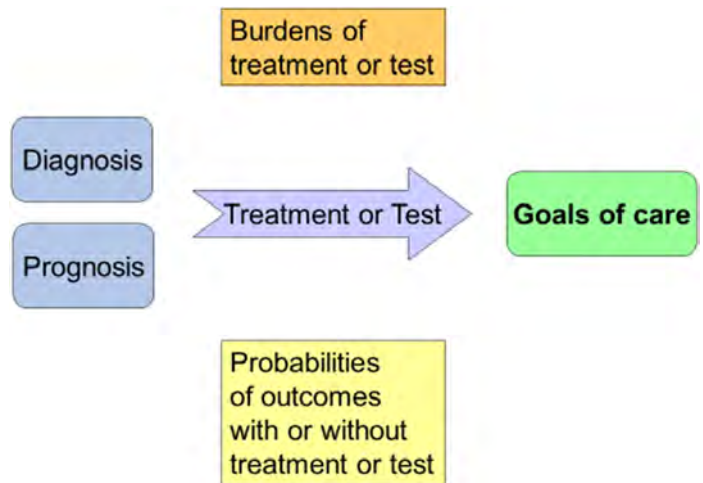


Figure 1. Core content of a goals of care discussion. Taken from [J Gen Intern Med](#) (2019)

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“Physicians should not be responsible for addressing social determinants of health, rather they should work synergistically with a well-funded public health system in a way that enhances the physician’s primary responsibility to individual patients.”

(Schwenk)

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HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

OPEN HOUSE IN THE JOHN MARTIN RARE BOOK ROOM



DATE/TIME: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 4:00-7:00pm

LOCATION: John Martin Rare Book Room
4th Floor, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences

For a list of the University of Iowa History of Medicine Society 2020 Presentations and Events, [click here](#).

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](#), [videotaped lectures](#), and news/highlights.

BIOETHICS OPPORTUNITIES

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 24, 2020

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



PEDIATRIC ETHICS WEBINARS

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](#).

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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