

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 TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

GOALS OF CARE DISCUSSIONS

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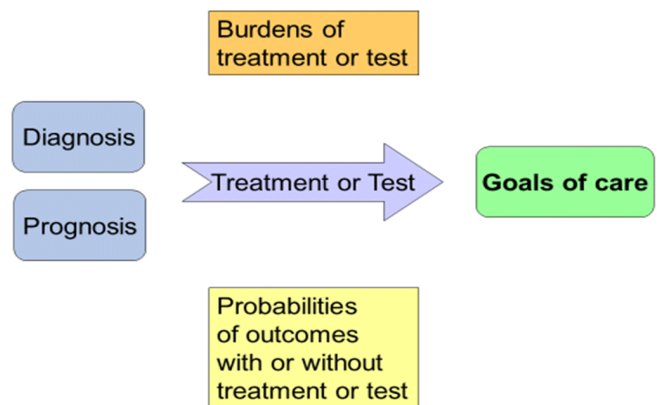


Figure 1. Core content of a goals of care discussion. Taken from [J Gen Intern Med](#) (2019)

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“By giving [critical care] clinicians the space to acknowledge and communicate their uncertainty, time-limited trials provide them with a path forward. In the ICU, time cannot heal all wounds. It can, however, make them easier to endure.”

(Leiter & Tulsky)

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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](#)
- ⇒ 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](#) and [Podcast](#)
- ⇒ 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 OPPORTUNITIES

PEDIATRIC BIOETHICS IN THE SHADOW OF COVID SYMPOSIUM

HOSTED BY: Children's Mercy Bioethics Center in Kansas City

DATE: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

TIME: 9:30AM-4:45PM CST

COST: Free

LOCATION: Virtual



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

QUESTIONING CURE: DISABILITY, IDENTITY, AND HEALING

HOSTED BY: The Hastings Center

DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

TIME: 9:00AM-3:00PM EST

COST: Free

LOCATION: Virtual



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

DO GENETIC FINDINGS IMPACT PERCEPTIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY?

HOSTED BY: The Hastings Center

DATE: Friday, May 28, 2021

TIME: 3:00PM EST

COST: Free

LOCATION: Virtual



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

BIOETHICS IN THE NEWS

- ⇒ [Upper crust eugenics: A sordid saga from 1930s America.](#) BioEdge, April 24, 2021.
- ⇒ [Here's just how unequal the global coronavirus vaccine rollout has been.](#) The Washington Post, April 22, 2021.
- ⇒ [Exhortations to trust biomedical experts: What's missing?](#) The Hastings Center, April 22, 2021.
- ⇒ [Africa's vaccine revolution must have research at its core.](#) Nature, April 21, 2021.
- ⇒ [COVID: Is it OK to manipulate people into getting vaccinated?](#) The Conversation, April 20, 2021.
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BIOETHICS SERVICES AT THE UIHC

ETHICS CONSULT SERVICE

This service is a clinical resource for UI Health Care personnel who would like help addressing an ethical question or problem related to a patient's care. Consults can be ordered through EPIC or by paging 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](#).