

BIOETHICS & HUMANITIES NEWSLETTER



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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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ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2023 CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the Program in Bioethics and Humanities,
Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa

Location: 2117 Medical Education Research Facility, Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa

Date and Time: Friday, May 19, 2023, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (check-in opens at 7:30 AM)

Audience: Administrators, Attorneys, Chaplains, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Social Workers, Students, Trainees, and Others

Registration Fee: \$100 (includes continuing education credits)

Conference Coordinator: Noel VanDenBosch, BA (contact: 319-335-6706, noel-vandenbosch@uiowa.edu)

Conference Director: Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD

Objectives:

SESSION ONE (Speaker: Dr. Erica Carlisle)

- Review the ethical principles that guide the allocation of scarce resources.
- Discuss the ethical challenges of triage.
- Explore the moral distress that may occur during triage.

SESSION TWO (Speaker: Dr. Graeme Pitcher)

- Define burnout in healthcare settings.
- Explore ethically controversial aspects of burnout.
- Relate the roots of burnout to healthcare's ethical foundations.

SESSION THREE (Speaker: Dr. Aaron Kunz)

- Explain the goals, benefits, and harms of social distancing.
- Articulate reasons for or against visitor restrictions using bioethical frameworks.
- Propose ethically-conscious, patient-centered strategies for implementing and removing visitor restrictions.

SESSION FOUR (Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Benson)

- Identify key events and issues that have led to the emergence of contemporary clinical ethics consultation.
- Describe the goals and scope of clinical ethics consultation and distinguish it from the roles of an ethics committee or policy review committee.
- Discuss advantages and disadvantages of individual, small team, and committee models for providing ethics consultation.

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HUMANITIES CORNER

This month's spotlight is on **Mariam Mansour, a 4th year medical student**. Her creative work is a poem. She completed this creative work as part of the *Ethics and Humanities Sub-Internship Seminar*. During this Seminar students are asked to complete a written reflection or creative work that responds to a situation they encountered during their sub-internship that illustrated values in ethics, professionalism, or humanism.

*A name circling on rounds like a broken record,
sweet, sickly child committed always to the ward.
Nights and days drag, while her name decays on the
board.
Forever remembered and forever ignored -
a life spent wholly unexplored -
asleep, at rest, and never cured.*

*Daily the sun sets and the sun rises anew,
straining towards the infant ensnared by her cords -
never to see daylight or the sky oh-so blue.
Forever remembered and forever ignored -
a life spent wholly unexplored -
asleep, at rest, and never cured.*

*"Have you gone? Did you see? Yes, the bloated baby."
I pause and I think and I falter to deplore -
how could I describe my unwavering "Maybe?"
A choice to not remember and forever ignore?
A life spent wholly unexplored -
asleep, at rest, and never cured.*

*Quicker and slower than we thought she declines.
Nurses and doctors horde to her room in one accord,
noting her signs, they fiddle with tubes and her lines.
They know how to remember and never ignore
a life spent wholly unexplored -
asleep, at rest, and never cured.*

*"She passed overnight," are the words voiced the next
day.
Now unspoken becomes the babe so untoward.
Her parents sway and I am left alone to weigh
my willingness to remember and not ignore
a life spent wholly unexplored -
asleep, at rest, and never cured.*

*Something pulls in my chest as I watch from afar,
something deep in my core that begins to feel sore.
In my hope to dodge pain I have made a new scar.
Never will I remember, truly I ignored
a life spent wholly unexplored -
asleep, at rest, and never cured.*

BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE

- ⇒ Tools such as ChatGPT threaten transparent science; here are our ground rules for their use. [Nature](#). 2023 Jan; 613: 612.
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- ⇒ Erlich D, Lee A, Duggan A, et al. Preparing for the end of life: Medical students completing their own advance directives described increased empathy for patients. [Fam Med](#). 2023 Mar; 55: 195-198.
- ⇒ Friedman AB, Merchant RM, Maley A, et al. Widespread third-party tracking on hospital websites poses privacy risks for patients and legal liability for hospitals. [Health Aff \(Millwood\)](#). 2023 Apr; 42: 508-515.
- ⇒ Friedrich AB, Kohlberg EM, R. Malone J. Perceived benefits of ethics consultation differ by profession: A qualitative survey study. [AJOB Empir Bioeth](#). 2023 Jan; 14: 50-54.
- ⇒ Fuentes B, Pietrus M, Brauen S, et al. Development, implementation, and evaluation of a social work needs assessment tool: An innovative approach when the palliative care request is unclear. [J Palliat Med](#). 2023 Mar; 26: 418-422.



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- ⇒ Liao S-y, Carbonell V. Materialized oppression in medical tools and technologies. [Am J Bioeth](#). 2023 Apr; 23: 9-23.
- ⇒ Mabel H, Myers G, Gorecki J, et al. The ethics resource caregiver program: Equipping nurses as ethics champions. [J Clin Ethics](#). 2023 Spring; 34: 27-39.
- ⇒ Neuhaus CP, Pacia DM, Crane JT, et al. All of us and the promise of precision medicine: Achieving equitable access for federally qualified health center patients. [J Pers Med](#). 2023; 13: 615.
- ⇒ Peteet JR, Witvliet CVO, Glas G, et al. Accountability as a virtue in medicine: From theory to practice. [Philos Ethics Humanit Med](#). 2023 Mar 22; 18: 1.
- ⇒ Riddle CA. Assent and vulnerability in patients who lack capacity. [J Med Ethics](#). 2023 Apr 6. [Epub ahead of print].
- ⇒ Sawicki NN. The politics of informed consent and the limits of the first amendment. [JAMA](#). 2023 Apr 17. [Epub ahead of print].
- ⇒ Tabery J, Novak NL, Sarafraz L, et al. Victims of eugenic sterilisation in Utah: Cohort demographics and estimate of living survivors. [Lancet Reg Health Am](#). 2023 Mar; 19: 100436.
- ⇒ Truog RD. The uncertain future of the determination of brain death. [JAMA](#). 2023; 329: 971-972.
- ⇒ Ulrich CM, Deatrack JA, Wool J, et al. Ethical challenges experienced by clinical ethicists during covid-19. [AJOB Empir Bioeth](#). 2023 Jan; 14: 1-14.

“As the deliberations of the US Uniform Law Commission continue, it is clear that although possible revisions to the Uniform Determination of Death Act could resolve existing problems [regarding the determination of brain death], they also have the potential to create new problems. One possible outcome, for example, could be a patchwork of laws in different states ...”

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- ⇒ Vilanova D. Working with patience: An insight into dealing with difficult emotions. [Narrat Inq Bioeth](#). 2023 Spring; 13: 10-12.

BIOETHICS IN THE NEWS

- ⇒ Diversity in medicine can save lives. Here's why there aren't more doctors of color. [NPR](#), April 20, 2023.
- ⇒ Dutch government to expand euthanasia law to include children aged one to 12—an ethicist's view. [The Conversation](#), April 19, 2023.
- ⇒ FDA's new plan to study opioids' effectiveness faces resistance. [STAT News](#), April 19, 2023.
- ⇒ The future of fertility. [The New Yorker](#), April 17, 2023.
- ⇒ How an abortion pill ruling could threaten the FDA's regulatory authority. [NPR](#), April 11, 2023.
- ⇒ This doctor fought Ebola in the trenches. Now he's got a better way to stop diseases. [NPR](#), April 9, 2023.
- ⇒ We can use stem cells to make embryos. How far should we go? [MIT Technology Review](#), April 7, 2023.
- ⇒ No evidence that Stanford President Marc Tessier-Lavigne hid fraud at Genentech, company says. [Science](#), April 6, 2023.
- ⇒ Building a better brain through music, dance and poetry. [NPR](#), April 3, 2023.
- ⇒ 1 in 6 people around the world experience infertility issues, WHO says. [Axios](#), April 3, 2023.
- ⇒ Hospitals pledge to protect patient privacy. Almost all their websites leak visitor data like a sieve. [STAT News](#), April 3, 2023.



BIOETHICS OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING

- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [Upcoming Webinars and Events](#)
- ⇒ Michigan State University: [2022-2023 Bioethics Public Seminar Series](#)

ONGOING

- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [Recent Webinars and Events](#)
- ⇒ American Journal of Bioethics: [YouTube channel](#) containing previous webinars
- ⇒ The MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics: [YouTube channel](#) containing previous lectures
- ⇒ Children's Mercy Kansas City: [Pediatric Ethics Podcast series](#) and [Webinars and Workshops](#)
- ⇒ Office for Human Research Protections [Luminaries Lecture Series](#)

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](#).