

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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“The fundamental problem with the life-years approach is that it places value on the experiences a person might have over a lifetime, not on persons themselves.”

(Gaurke et al.)

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- ⇒ Pig-to-human transplants come a step closer with new test. [AP News](#), October 20, 2021.
- ⇒ WHO calls for better palliative care world-wide. [BioEdge](#), October 17, 2021.
- ⇒ I fear Covid-19 is pushing young physicians out of medicine. [STAT News](#), September 27, 2021.
- ⇒ Who will be there to care if there are no more nurses? [The Hastings Center Bioethics Forum](#), September 23, 2021.



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](#).