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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.

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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 CONFERENCE

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Carver College
of Medicine

Friday, May 30, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Medical Education Research Facility (MERF)
Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa



SESSION ONE

*Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide (EAS) Policies Around the World:
Ethical, Legal, and Clinical Considerations*

Scott Kim, MD, PhD

SESSION TWO

Workplace Culture and the Ethics of Interpersonal Interactions

Erica Carlisle, MD

SESSION THREE

Ethics and Artificial Intelligence in Health Care: Our Choices and Our Selves

Matthew DeCamp, MD, PhD

SESSION FOUR

*Should We Sometimes Try to Change a Patient's Mind? Examining the
Ethics of Persuasion in Shared Decision Making in Healthcare*

Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD

Intended Audience:

Administrators, Advanced Practice Providers, Attorneys, Chaplains,
Nurses, Physicians, Social Workers, Students, Trainees, and Others

**Scan the QR code for full conference
details and a link to registration.**



Space is limited to 60 attendees, please register early.

BIOETHICS TOPIC OF THE MONTH

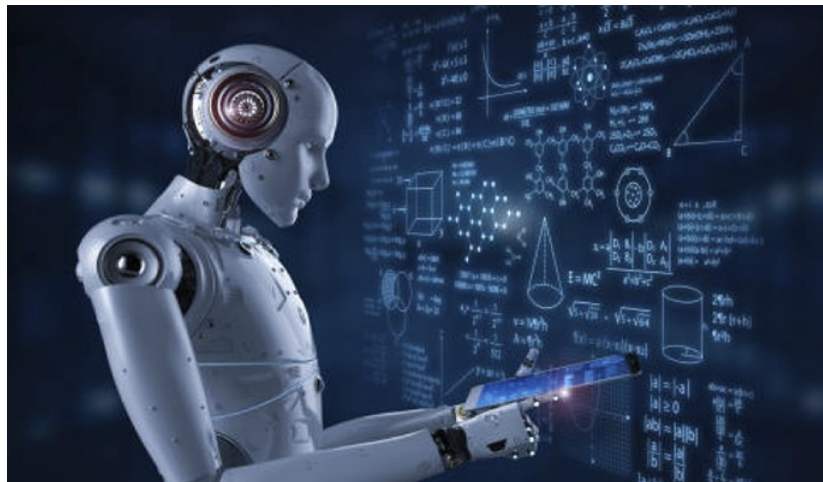
ETHICS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTHCARE

Key Articles

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- ⇒ Flanagin A, Kendall-Taylor J, Bibbins-Domingo K. Guidance for authors, peer reviewers, and editors on use of AI, language models, and chatbots. [JAMA](#). 2023; 330: 702-703.
- ⇒ Flanagin A, Pirracchio R, Khera R, et al. Reporting use of AI in research and scholarly publication—JAMA network guidance. [JAMA](#). 2024; 331: 1096-1098.
- ⇒ Kaebnick GE, Magnus DC, Kao A, et al. Editors' statement on the responsible use of generative AI technologies in scholarly journal publishing. [Am J Bioeth](#). 2024; 24: 5-8.
- ⇒ Resnik DB, Hosseini M. The ethics of using artificial intelligence in scientific research: New guidance needed for a new tool. [AI and Ethics](#). 2024.

Key Resources

- ⇒ Coalition for Health AI—[Blueprint for Trustworthy AI: Implementation Guidance and Assurance for Healthcare](#)
- ⇒ European Union—[European AI Act](#) and [Key EU Requirement for Trustworthy AI](#)
- ⇒ Government Accountability Office—[Artificial Intelligence: An Accountability Framework for Federal Agencies and Other Entities](#)
- ⇒ National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST): [AI Risk Management Framework](#)
- ⇒ University of Iowa IT Security—[Guidelines on the Secure and Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence](#)
- ⇒ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—[Trustworthy AI Playbook](#)



HUMANITIES CORNER



This month's spotlight is on **Peyton Seda, a fourth 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.

"Do no harm" is the oath we take
Day one, words held close to our heart
Black and white, good and bad
We have no intentions of harming anyone
Intentions are a fickle thing
Because as training goes on
The lines blur

Does do no harm
Mean always doing the right thing?
Never missing a diagnosis?
Never a slipped stitch in the OR?

Perhaps it's not a literal thing
But rather a conceptual one
Do no harm
Do your best
For your patient and yourself
So that you may
Learn
Grow
And heal

BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE

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- ⇒ Buchbinder M, Browne A, Berlinger N, et al. Moral stress and moral distress: Confronting challenges in healthcare systems under pressure. [Am J Bioeth](#). 2024; 24: 8-22.
- ⇒ Ellis DI, Chen L, Gordon Wexler S, et al. Goals of surgical interventions in youths receiving palliative care. [JAMA Netw Open](#). 2024; 7: e2444072.
- ⇒ Gaba A, Smart BD, Munjal S. The unbefriended patient, their professional guardians, and clinical liaison psychiatry: The challenging ethics of changing goals of care. [J Clin Ethics](#). 2024; 35: 249-259.
- ⇒ Hempeler C, Braun E, Potthoff S, et al. When treatment pressures become coercive: A context-sensitive model of informal coercion in mental healthcare. [Am J Bioeth](#). 2024; 24: 74-86.
- ⇒ Houchens N, Engle JM, Palanjian R, et al. Effect of clinician posture on patient perceptions of communication in the inpatient setting: A systematic review. [J Gen Intern Med](#). 2024; 39: 3290-3298.
- ⇒ Manfredi RA, Riley J, Lunsford B. Care conundrum in the emergency department: The gap between clinician awareness and patient expectations surrounding advance directives. [Int J Health Plann Manage](#). 2024; 39: 1778-1789.
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- ⇒ Othman EH, AlOsta MR. A case study of Muslims' perspectives of expanded terminal sedation: Addressing the elephant in the room. [BMC Med Ethics](#). 2024; 25: 136.



BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE (CONTINUED)

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- ⇒ Richardson AW, Segal JZ. Don't ask "why?": A novel approach to vaccine persuasion. [CMAJ](#). 2024; 196: E1391-E1392.
- ⇒ Rizzuto JL, Pyne AS, Gatta LA. Caring for pregnant patients by including pregnant participants. [J Clin Ethics](#). 2024; 35: 284-287.
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“Compared with 2000-2022, the number of union petitions with physicians in the bargaining units filed and certified increased in 2023 through May 2024. Organizing efforts were motivated by concerns about working conditions, physicians’ autonomy, and voice in management, and the quality of patient care.”

(Rooke-Ley et al.)

- ⇒ Shah SK, Ibrahim A, Hinga A, et al. Ethical issues faced by data monitoring committees: Results from an exploratory qualitative study. [Ethics Hum Res](#). 2024; 46: 2-13.
- ⇒ Shea M. The ethics of clinical ethics. [HEC Forum](#). 2024 Nov 29. [Epub ahead of print].
- ⇒ Stein M, Gruenbaum SE, Jotkowitz A. Revisiting medical oaths: How student-driven ethical codes reflect changing values. [J Med Ethics](#). 2024 Dec 18. [Epub ahead of print].
- ⇒ Thomson B, Mehta S, Robinson C. Scoping review and thematic analysis of informed consent in humanitarian emergencies. [BMC Med Ethics](#). 2024; 25: 135.
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- ⇒ Trockel MT, West CP, Shanafelt TD. Comment on study by Hagan et al.: The single-item burnout question. [J Gen Intern Med](#). 2024; 39: 3356-3357.
- ⇒ Viksveen P, Cardenas NE, Berg SH, et al. Adolescents' involvement in mental health treatment and service design: A systematic review. [BMC Health Serv Res](#). 2024; 24: 1502.
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BIOETHICS IN THE NEWS

- ⇒ 'I was almost forced to do it:' One sickle cell patient's story of sterilization, pressure, and regret. [STAT News](#), December 19, 2024.
- ⇒ 'Cancer ghosting' can be more painful than treatment, survivors say. [NPR](#), December 18, 2024.
- ⇒ Infamous paper that popularized unproven COVID-19 treatment finally retracted. [Science](#), December 17, 2024.
- ⇒ A transplanted pig kidney offers a grandmother hope for life without dialysis. [NPR](#), December 17, 2024.
- ⇒ Giant companies took secret payments to allow free flow of opioids. [The New York Times](#), December 17, 2024.
- ⇒ Deny and delay: The practices fueling anger at U.S. health insurers. [Washington Post via MSN](#), December 16, 2024.
- ⇒ Removing a splinter? Treating a wart? If a doctor does it, it can be billed as surgery. [KFF Health News](#), December 13, 2024.
- ⇒ The egg: The story of extraction, exploitation and opportunity. [Bloomberg](#), December 12, 2024.
- ⇒ Designer babies are teenagers now—and some of them need therapy because of it. [Wired](#), December 11, 2024.
- ⇒ Spying on student devices, schools aim to intercept self-harm before it happens. [The New York Times](#), December 11, 2024.
- ⇒ Assisted dying: What we might learn from experience of other controversial decisions in medicine. [The Conversation](#), December 11, 2024.
- ⇒ What should we do if AI becomes conscious? These scientists say it's time for a plan. [Nature](#), December 10, 2024.
- ⇒ How the Supreme Court's transgender care case could reverberate across health care. [STAT News](#), December 4, 2024.
- ⇒ Judge Oks landmark class action settlement in LGBTQ fertility lawsuit. [CNBC](#), December 7, 2024.
- ⇒ Forced into treatment. [CBS News](#), November 28, 2024.
- ⇒ If my dying daughter could face her mortality, why couldn't the rest of us? [The New York Times](#), November 25, 2024.



BIOETHICS OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING

- ⇒ [Bellevue Literary Review Writing Workshops](#): Panel conversation (Jan 30); Creative writing workshops for healthcare students and trainees (Feb 2 and 9)
- ⇒ [Midwest Physician Writers Retreat](#) (April 25-27, 2025): A new weekend conference for healthcare professionals on the shores of Lake Mendota In Wisconsin. A few scholarships available to sponsor registration for medical students. CME available.

ONGOING

- ⇒ The Hastings Center: [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](#)
- ⇒ Office for Human Research Protections [Luminaries Lecture Series](#)
- ⇒ [Health Ethics](#) podcast with host Bryan Pilkington, PhD (Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine): Find on Google Podcasts, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Audible.

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

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