

# Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter

PROGRAM IN BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES, CARVER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

For a list of more upcoming events related to bioethics and humanities, please [click here](#).

## QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

*Many believe that doctors in the United States die differently.... Society as a whole and policy-makers focused on containing healthcare costs in particular may be surprised to learn that even physicians, with knowledge of and experience with death and dying, have use of hospitals nearly identical to that of nonphysicians.*

Matlock et al. (for more, see [J Am Geriatr Soc](#); 2016)

## READING ETHICS AT UIHC

If you are interested to see what the UIHC Ethics Subcommittee was reading in June, please click [here](#).

## 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, please click [here](#).



*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.

[More Details About The Program](#)

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

During the Internal Medicine Resident's Graduation Celebration in June, the Faculty Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Laurie Lyckholm, Professor of Hematology-Oncology and Faculty Member of the Program in Bioethics and Humanities. This award was voted on by the Internal Medicine residents. Congratulations to Dr. Lyckholm on her well-deserved recognition.



## 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, please click [here](#).

## HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to read "[Notes from the John Martin Rare Book Room, June 2016.](#)"

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society (HOMS) and the John Martin Rare Book Room now have a large number of video and audio recordings of HOMS lectures from 1985-2015. To access the recordings, please click [here](#).

## HONORING HEALTH CARE PREFERENCES THROUGH CARING CONVERSATIONS

This conference will highlight best practice methods and clinical benefits of advance care planning.

**Purpose:** To educate health care professionals and community health leaders on the benefits of advance health care planning and the importance of providing a systematic, interdisciplinary approach to care.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 4, 2016

**Time:** 7:30 AM—noon

**Place:** Coralville Center for the Performing Arts,  
1301 5<sup>th</sup> St, Coralville.



For a printable brochure, click [here](#). To register online, click [here](#).

## THE EXAMINED LIFE CONFERENCE

**Dates:** October 6-8, 2016

**Location:** Medical Education Facility (MERF), Carver College of Medicine

The University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine will host its tenth annual three-day conference focusing on the links between the science of medicine and the arts.

The program seeks to encourage healthcare professionals, medical educators, patients and their family members to define methods for incorporating writing, humanities, and the arts into medical education, patient and self care, and/or professional development schemes; identify the role that writing, humanities, and the arts can play in such activities; and identify avenues to pursue that can improve their creative or reflective writing; describe and utilize the mechanics of writing for publication. Upon completion of this conference the participant will be able to identify tools to enhance their understanding of medical education, patient and self care, and/or professional development needs; discuss the ethical, emotional, and psychological requirements of these needs; describe methods that can be used to increase the well-being and communication skills of medical learners, healthcare provider, patients and family members; and examine publication practices.

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



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