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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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Program Highlight

[The Purple Heart](#)

A poem by Asitha Jayawardena

Asitha Jayawardena is a fourth year medical student, who published his poem, *The Purple Heart*, in the April 2014 issue of the *Journal of Palliative Medicine* as part of his final project for the Humanities Distinction Track at the UI Carver College of Medicine.

The purpose of the Humanities Distinction Track is to encourage, support, and recognize medical students who pursue scholarship in ethics, writing, or the humanities. This track will promote students' growth as professionals and also further the promotion of humanism in medicine.

Co-Directors of the Humanities Distinction Track:
Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD
Jason T. Lewis, MFA

Upcoming Events

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

Quotation of the Month

Still, we can no longer rely upon the ethical assumptions in our culture to be powerful enough or clear enough to instruct the profession in virtue; therefore the medical profession should no longer believe that the personal integrity of physicians alone is enough; neither can anyone count on values being transmitted without thought.

- Paul Ramsey (*The Patient as Person*, 1970, p. xviii)

Resource Highlight



The [International Code of Medical Ethics](#) was adopted by the General Assembly of the World Medical Association at London in 1949, amended in 1968, 1983 and 2006. It is a code based on the Declaration of Geneva and the main goal is to establish the ethical principles of physicians worldwide, based on his duties in general, to his patients and to his colleagues.

Bioethics in the Literature

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 - Bard JS. Would research ethics survive the defunding of the research university? [Hastings Cent Rep](#). 2014 Jan;44(1):11-12.
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Clinical Research Ethics Consultation 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](#).

UIHC Ethics Consult Service

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) is currently developing an Ethics Consult Service, the implementation of which is expected in 2014. Questions about this service may be directed to UIHC's Medical Director for Clinical Ethics, Dr. Lauris Kaldjian (lauris-kaldjian@uiowa.edu).

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