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# BIOETHICS AND 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.

[More Details About The Program](#)



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## Program Highlight

### [Celebrating Our One-Year Anniversary](#)

With this issue we celebrate the Newsletter's one-year anniversary. We would love to hear from our readers. To submit suggestions for future issues or comments on how we're doing, [please click here](#).

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## Upcoming Events

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

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## Program Highlight

### [Personal-Professional Compass](#)

The purpose of the Carver College of Medicine Personal-Professional Compass program is to help medical students understand, articulate, and integrate their personal and professional values and goals as they navigate their way through the four years of medical school. This program will promote students' growth as humanistic professionals through written reflections on personal experience, readings from the literature of medicine and the humanities, and ongoing dialogues within a community of peers and mentors. Written reflections will culminate in the capstone project of writing a fourth-year personal statement for residency applications. To learn more about the program, [please click here](#).

Co-Directors of the Personal-Professional Compass:  
Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD  
Jason T. Lewis, MFA

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## Publication Highlight

### [Patient Care and Population Health: Goals, Roles and Costs](#)

An editorial by Lauris C. Kaldjian, MD, PhD  
(Faculty member in the Program.)

*“Strong voices today are calling on the health professions to expand the goals that clinicians should pursue in the course of patient care. It is an expansion that promotes population health through the enhanced integration of patient care and public health with a focus on three interrelated aims: i) improving care for individual patients, ii) improving health of populations, and iii) reducing per capita costs. These aims seek to address population-level challenges of access, quality, disparities, and cost, while still satisfying patient-level needs....”*

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## Quotation of the Month

*To serve the art of medicine as it should be served, one must love his fellow-men.*

- Sir William Osler, *Modern Medicine: Its Theory and Its Practice* (1907)

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## 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](#).

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## Resource Highlight

## Clinical Research Ethics Consultation Service



Presidential Commission  
for the Study of Bioethical Issues

[The Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues](#) (the Bioethics Commission) is an advisory panel of the nation's leaders in medicine, science, ethics, religion, law, and engineering. The Bioethics Commission advises the President on bioethical issues arising from advances in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. The Bioethics Commission seeks to identify and promote policies and practices that ensure scientific research, health care delivery, and technological innovation are conducted in a socially and ethically responsible manner.

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](#).

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