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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



Upcoming Events

For a listing of upcoming events related to bioethics and humanities, please click here.

Program Highlight

UIHC Ethics Consult Service

The UIHC Ethics Consult Service officially started on June 2, 2014. The Service is a resource for patients, family members, or health professionals at UIHC who would like help addressing an ethical question or issue related to a patient's care. During the first year of the Service, there were 46 ethics consults. The word cloud pictured above this paragraph provides a suggestive snapshot of the scope of ethical issues seen by the Service. The most common ethical issues were decision-making capacity, surrogate decision-making, refusal of treatment by the

Quotation of the Month

We need to learn better how to live with our inability to bring nature under our control, how to make the most of a human condition we cannot vanquish, only ameliorate.

Daniel Callahan, in *What Kind of Life:* The Limits of Medical Progress, 1990 (p. 244)

patient/family, rights and duties of healthcare professionals, goals of care, conscientious practice, patient autonomy, medical futility, and advance care planning.

Consults can be ordered through EPIC or by calling (319) 356-1616 and asking for the ethics consultant on call. For more information, please click here.

Publication Highlight

Servicewomen's Strategies to Staying Safe During Military Service

Ann M. Cheney, **Heather Schacht Reisinger**, Brenda M. Booth, Michelle A. Mengeling, James C. Torner, Anne G. Sadler

Numerous studies have documented high rates of sexual harassment and sexual assault among servicewomen during military service. In this study, we qualitatively explore the strategies United States servicewomen employed to reduce their risk of violence exposure during their military service. Based on the analysis of 14 focus group discussions conducted from 2007 to 2010, we found that women used a number of protective strategies, including accessing networks of support, capitalizing on their status (linked to rank, age, or prior deployment experience), and wearing non-feminine clothing to minimize violence exposure keeping themselves and others safe. Although the women describe strategies they perceive as reducing the immediate threat of sexual harassment and sexual assault, they do not directly challenge the social hierarchy of the military environment, rape myths, or sexualized images of military women. Through an in-depth analysis of the women's experiences and perceptions, we provide insights on the importance of better understanding issues related to environment and safety among women in the military—a relatively understudied area. In light of the context-specific risk women face in the military, we believe that our work provides a foundation for future efforts designed to prevent the occurrence of sexual assault during military service.

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 individuallevel research results; community engagement processes; and more. For more information, please click here.

History of Medicine Highlight – The Demise of Stonewall Jackson

A new publication by UI professor emeritus Dr. Wayne Richenbacher.

Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, commander of the Second Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia, was wounded at the Battle of Chancellorsville, during the American Civil War. He died eight days later. The purpose of this paper is to describe the details of Jackson's wounding and death, while attempting to identify inconsistencies in published reports of this pivotal event in the War Between the States. The care and management provided to Jackson by his surgeon, Hunter Holmes McGuire, will be reviewed and placed in context with standards of medical care of that era.

This article is not available electronically. For more information on the UI's library holdings or to request this article through the UI's article delivery service, please click here.

History of Medicine Society

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to hear Eckhard Ziegler MD present on "Pediatric Nutrition at the University of Iowa" on Thursday, October 22, 2015 from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Medical Education Research Facility (MERF), Room 2117. For more information, please click here.

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society also invites you to read "Notes from the John Martin Rare Book Room, September 2015."

Resource Highlight



Ethicshare.org

EthicShare is a research and collaboration website designed to help you do research, share, collaborate, and participate in the field of ethics. It was developed and is currently maintained by the University of Minnesota Libraries as a free service to the community. You will find a comprehensive collection of ethics resources including searchable research materials, group discussions, current news articles, and upcoming events.

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Bioethics in the News

California Lawmakers Pass Right-to-Die Measure

Lawmakers in California on Friday gave final approval to "right-to-die" legislation that would allow the terminally ill to legally end their lives. If Gov. Jerry Brown signs the bill into law, it could have a significant impact on the right-to-die debate in the United States. Given the size of its population -- nearly 40 million people -- and its influence, California often sets the tone for potentially groundbreaking issues. Please click here to read more.

Embryo Battles are Likely to get a Precedent in San Francisco Couple's Case

Dr. Mimi C. Lee and Stephen E. Findley had not been married long when he began to have doubts about the relationship. Now divorced, he is fighting to prevent her from having a child with their frozen embryos, made after Lee was diagnosed with cancer. If Lee prevails, Findley could be forced to become a parent against his will. If Findley wins, it is extremely unlikely that Lee, now 46, will ever have a genetically related child. The case, to be decided in the next several weeks, is likely to lead to the first legal rules in California for resolving embryo disputes. Please click here to read more.

Exploring Huntington Disease Patient and Physician Relationships

Date: Friday, October 2, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Prem Sahai Auditorium (Room 1110), MERF

Guest Speaker: Krissi Putansu

Putansu is the president of the Huntington's Disease (HD) Society of America Michigan Chapter and has led an HD support group in Michigan for 15 years. She has spoken to medical students and other care providers around the country about her experiences with HD. She holds a master's degree in Human Relations and Organizational Development.

Description: A caregiver for her mother who has HD and an active member of the HD community for over than a decade, Krissi Putansu will talk about caretaking for those with HD from her perspective as an HD family member. She will review insights on healthcare provider interaction, current HD research, use of supplements and other therapies in HD, and talk about her family's journey with HD, including the genetic testing and family planning processes. She will also touch on ethical and cultural aspects of HD.

UI College of Public Health Welcomes Special Guest Lecturer Byllye Avery

Byllye Avery is the recipient of the UI College of Public Health's 2015 Richard and Barbara Hansen Leadership Award and Distinguished Lectureship. For more than 40 years, Avery has been on the front lines of the women's health movement in the United States, leading advocacy, educational, and self-help initiatives that explore how race, gender, and class affect women's empowerment.



Through activism and a commitment to social justice, Avery has fostered a national forum for the discussion of the health issues of African American women. The founder of the Black Women's Health Imperative and co-founder of Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need, she continues to document and speak on black women's health experiences in America, highlighting the effects of factors such as poverty, crime, violence, and racism. You can read more about her on the College of Public Health's website.

There will be two opportunities to hear her speak on **October 8**....both free and open to the public.

2015 Hansen Distinguished Lecture: "Why Black Women's Health Matters"

10:00 a.m., Callaghan Auditorium (N110 CPHB) Panel discussion to follow.

Q&A session with Byllye Avery: "Keeping Faith: Exploring Connections Between Spirituality and Health;" moderated by Assistant Professor Miesha Marzell of the Department of Community and Behavioral Health. 4:00-5:00 p.m. Callaghan Auditorium (N110 CPHB)

The American Osler Society

William B. Bean Student Research Award
DEADLINE: March 1, 2016

The American Osler Society announces the availability of an award for support of research in the broad areas of medical history and medical humanities. Candidates must be currently matriculated students in approved schools of medicine in the United States or Canada. The successful applicant may be eligible to present a paper based on his or her findings at the annual meeting of the American Osler Society. The stipend for the coming year will be \$1,500, and up to \$750 additional may be available to support travel to the annual meeting contingent on submission of a paper acceptable to the Committee at the conclusion of the studentship. If you would like more information, please click <a href="https://example.com/here-neet/base-school-research-neet/base-school-rese

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