

# 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

*"Precision medicine" correctly takes the focus of translational genomics off of the individual patient, but the clinical and public health trends associated with the new label bring other ethical and social concerns.*

Juengst et al. (for more, see [Hastings Cent Rep](#); 2016)

## 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](#)

## PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT

### **DIGITIZING CONSENT: THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S DRAFT GUIDANCE ON ELECTRONIC INFORMED CONSENT**

**Christian M. Simon, David W. Klein, and Helen A. Scharz**

[IRB: Ethics & Human Research](#). 2016; 38: 15-18.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued draft guidance on the use of "electronic informed consent" (eIC) in FDA-regulated clinical trials of medical products, including drugs and biological products, medical devices, and combinations of those products for human use. As part of an effort to harmonize agencies' regulations and guidance for human subjects research, the federal Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) is considering a

## 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, September 2016.](#)"

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society and the John Martin Rare Book Room now have a large number of video and audio recordings of HOMS lectures from 1985-2016. To access the recordings, please click [here](#).

## PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT (CONTINUED)

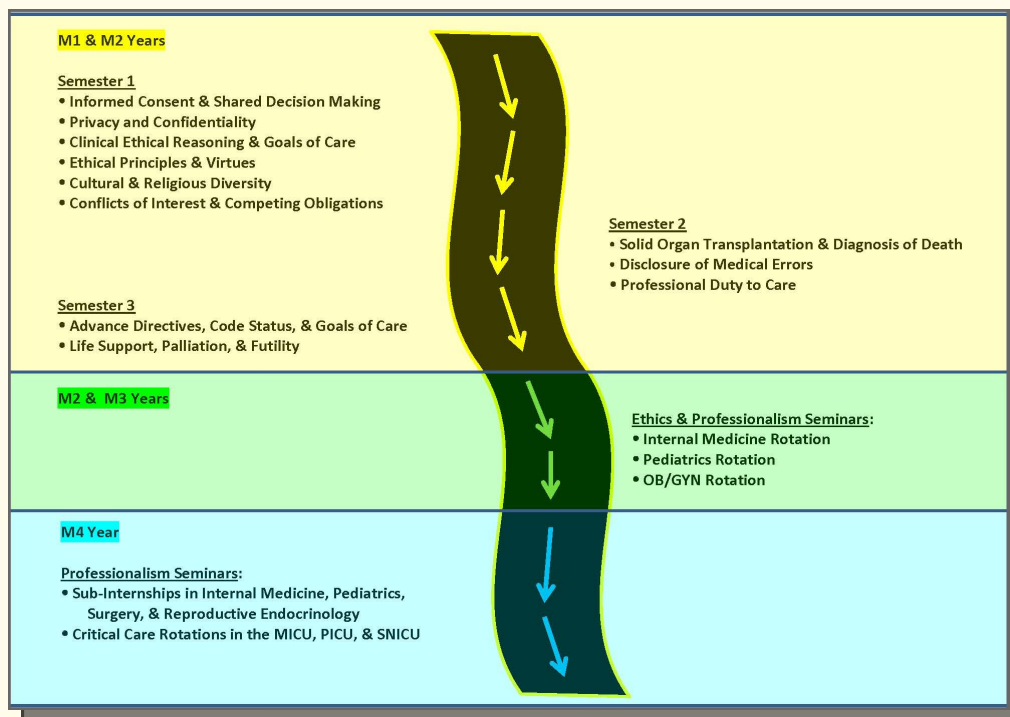
joint FDA-OHRP final guidance document. Both the FDA and OHRP solicited public comments about the proposed guidance. In this article, we describe the context for the emergence of the FDA's draft guidance, describe its key components, and as empirical researchers of electronic consent processes, discuss implications for intended stakeholders.

For a copy of the abstract, please click [here](#). The full text of the article is not available at this time.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

**BIOMEDICAL ETHICS THREAD IN THE CCOM CURRICULUM**  
DIRECTOR: DR. LAURIS KALDJIAN, MD, PHD



For more information about the Biomedical Ethics Thread, please click [here](#).

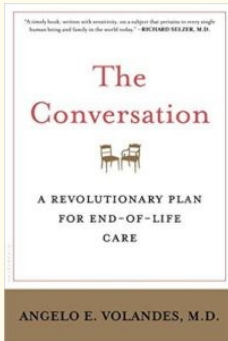
## THE CONVERSATION: A REVOLUTIONARY PLAN FOR END-OF-LIFE CARE

WITH ANGELO VOLANDES

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

**Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Coralville Center for the Performing Arts



[Angelo Volandes](#), a physician and noted expert on Advance Care Planning, discusses his book, "The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End-of Life Care." This free community program is presented by Honoring Your Wishes, an initiative of Iowa City Hospice, whose mission is to promote a community-wide advance care planning process in which individuals' health care preferences are discussed, documented, and honored by families, friends, and the health care community.

Register for this program at [www.medicine.uiowa.edu/community](http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/community). If you have questions or require an accommodation in order to participate in this program, email [Jane Dohrmann](#) or call Judy at Iowa City Hospice at 319-688-4213.

## 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.

To view the program and register, click [here](#).



## CIVILITY ON TRIAL: NURSES, SURGEONS, AND MEDICAL EXTREMITY IN CIVIL WAR HOSPITALS

LECTURE BY JANE E. SCHULTZ

**Date:** Thursday, October 27, 2016

**Time:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Location:** 2117 Medical Education Research Facility (MERF)

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society and the Iowa Women's Archives invites you to hear:



Jane E. Schultz  
Professor of English and Medical Humanities  
Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis

"Civility on Trial" considers the clash of expectations that confronted surgeons and relief workers in military hospitals during the Civil War. The spectacle of death that gripped the public imagination raised physicians' professional status and brought medicine to the center of a cultural dialogue once reserved for the clergy, but it had little impact on raising the prospects of nurses and other subordinate health workers.

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