

# 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, [click here](#).

## QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

*... contrary to some explanations for high spending, US social spending and health care utilization were relatively similar to other high-income nations. Although utilization of some surgical procedures (such as coronary angioplasty, total knee replacement, and cesarean delivery) was higher in the United States, this utilization did not appear to explain a large part of the higher spending in the United States.*

Papanicolas et al. ([JAMA](#), 2018)

## 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, [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](#)

## 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, [click here](#).

## READING ETHICS AT UIHC

If you are interested to see what the UIHC Ethics Subcommittee was reading in March, click on the following links ([article 1](#); [article 2](#); [article 3](#)).

## HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to visit the [John Martin Rare Book Room website](#). On this website you will find resources, information about [events and digital exhibits](#), and news, such as [Notes from the Rare Book Room](#).

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2018



## [ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2018](#)

A One Day Conference for Collaborative  
Dialogue  
and Inter-Professional Exchange

**Date: May 18, 2018**  
**Time: 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM**

The Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine in cooperation with the UI College of Nursing will host its annual Ethics in Healthcare conference on May 18, 2018 in the Medical Education and Research Facility (MERF). This conference is designed to help healthcare professionals meet the challenges of the increasing number and range of ethical challenges in healthcare as they surface in their work as clinicians, members of ethics committees or ethics consult teams, and administrators. For a printable brochure, [click here](#).

**Intended Audience:** Physicians, Nurses, Social Workers, Chaplains, Attorneys, Physician Assistants, Trainees, Students, and Others

**REGISTER NOW!**

## THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE 2018 R. PALMER HOWARD DINNER



*Viral Markets: Economics, the Environment, and Emerging Disease in the Twentieth Century*

**Richard C. Keller**

Professor

Department of Medical History and Bioethics  
University of Wisconsin

**Date:** Friday, April 27, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 pm (reception); 7:00 pm (dinner); 8:00 pm (presentation)

**Location:** Kinnick Center, Radisson Hotel in Coralville

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

## HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

### NEW EXHIBIT

#### *Humans in Medical Experiments: Issues of Social Justice*

*March 2018 to Fall 2019  
Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, 3rd Floor*

Exhibit highlights eleven instances of human experimentation from 1796 to 2013. Displays include early experiments on digestion and X-rays, WWII experiments by the Nazis and Japanese, experiments for the Manhattan Project, Atomic Energy Commission, and Holmesburg Prison. Panels and materials provided by the University of Iowa Human Subjects Office describe the past, present and future of Protection of Human Research Subjects.



William Beaumont  
1822-1833



William Morton and the X-ray  
1896-1905



Holmesburg Prison  
1951-1974

## RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

### ASSESSMENT OF PATIENTS' COMPETENCE TO CONSENT TO TREATMENT

*Assessment of Patients' Competence to Consent to Treatment* is a peer-reviewed article written in 2007 by Paul S. Appelbaum, MD. This article begins with a case vignette highlighting a common clinical problem and asking how the physician should determine whether the patient's decision is a competent one. The article goes on to present various strategies for assessing decision-making capacity and competence as well as the evidence behind each strategy. The article ends with the author's clinical recommendations.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

## BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE

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- ⇒ Skierka AS, Michels KB. Ethical principles and placebo-controlled trials - interpretation and implementation of the Declaration of Helsinki's placebo paragraph in medical research. [BMC Med Ethics](#). 2018 Mar 15; 19: 24.
- ⇒ Thomas LR, Ripp JA, West CP. Charter on physician well-being. [JAMA](#). 2018 Mar 29. [Epub ahead of print]
- ⇒ Torke AM, Callahan CM, Sachs GA, et al. Communication quality predicts psychological well-being and satisfaction in family surrogates of hospitalized older adults: An observational study. [J Gen Intern Med](#). 2018

## BIOETHICS NEWS AND EVENTS

- ⇒ [Some patients are in pain. Some just want drugs. How do I tell them apart?](#) The Washington Post, March 9, 2018.
- ⇒ [Does the future belong to assisted death?](#) Bioethics Forum Essay, The Hasting Center, March 19, 2018.
- ⇒ [Medics should not be forced to do procedures they object to on ethical grounds.](#) The Conversation, March 21, 2018.
- ⇒ [What you need to know about right-to-try legislation.](#) CNN, March 22, 2018.
- ⇒ [A self-driving car killed a pedestrian. What now?](#) BioEdge, March 25, 2018.
- ⇒ [With the help of a loved one, a family finds what is essential in the end.](#) STAT News, March 28, 2018.

Registration is now open for several upcoming pediatric ethics webinars hosted by the Children's Mercy Kansas City Bioethics Center. For more information and to register, [click here](#).