Upcoming Events

For a list of more upcoming events related to bioethics and humanities, click here.

Quotation of the Month

“There is a need for closer attention to how patients from various sociodemographic backgrounds are introduced into the primary care system, and how underserved patients are managed by a constantly changing cadre of resident physicians. Striking the appropriate balance is vital as the medical system strives to train physicians while providing high-quality and equitable care to all patients.”

To read more, click here: Essien et al. J Gen Intern Med. 2019

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.

Program Highlight

Bioethics and Humanities Seminar

The Bioethics and Humanities Seminar is a one-credit hour elective course directed and taught by Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD.

The purpose of the Seminar is to provide an introduction to topic areas and themes that are central to bioethics and the humanities in the context of medicine. The course covers a diverse but inter-connected range of topic areas in bioethics and
**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](#).

**Bioethics and Humanities Seminar**

The Seminar will meet every Monday from 12:00-12:50 PM (minus Labor Day and Thanksgiving week), starting August 26, 2019 and ending December 9, 2019. For a copy of the syllabus, [click here](#).

Class size is limited to 15 students in order to create a setting that is conducive to engagement by all participants. Priority for enrollment is given to medical students but is also open to other students at the University of Iowa, as space allows. Students wishing to enroll in the Fall 2017 Seminar should email the [Course Coordinator](#).

**Program Highlight**

Bioethics and Humanities Seminar

humanities, including ethical theory, contrasting approaches to ethics (principles, consequences, virtues), clinical ethics, moral agency and responsibility, diversity and culture, professionalism and humanism in medicine, research ethics, history and medicine, technology and the future, narrative ethics, and the use of literature in medicine.

**Reading Ethics at UIHC**

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

**Publication Highlight**

Navigating the Choppy Waters Between Public Safety and Humane Care of the Prisoner-Patient: The Role of the Ethics Consultant

Laurel J. Lyckholm & Laura A. Shinkunas

*The American Journal of Bioethics, 2019: 19: 59-61*

The July issue of the American Journal of Bioethics explored what just health care might entail when caring for a hospitalized prisoner who is dying shackled to the bed with imposed restrictions on family contact. Dr. Anita Tarzian at the University of Maryland provided the case, which is accessible [here](#). There were three commentaries based on the case. One was written by Dr. Laurel Lyckholm, faculty member in the Program in Bioethics and Humanities and oncologist, and Laura Shinkunas, research specialist in the Program. In their commentary, Dr. Lyckholm and Ms. Shinkunas point out the inherent tension the case of the “prisoner-patient” brings out (i.e., balancing staff and public safety with the duty to provide compassionate end-of-life care). They present ethical considerations to inform whether shackles and restricted visitation are justified in this case, and how the health care ethics consultants’ code of ethics may apply.

For the full text of this commentary, [click here](#).
Back by popular demand, the College of Medicine exhibit at Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, prepared by staff in the John Martin Rare Book Room, will be available through Winter 2020. It is packed with photographs and information about the history of the College.

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A pictorial timeline of decades of history, available for viewing on the 3rd floor near the entrance.

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