

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

"...it is not clear that removing or avoiding blame in medical settings is possible, nor is it necessary for improvements in safety or patient-practitioner relations. Furthermore, removing notions of blame threatens to drastically reduce the efficacy of apologies and forgiveness in cases where such exchanges can help to move forward."

To read more, click here:
[Tigard. \(J Med Ethics; 2018\)](#)

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](#)

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT

Committee Opinion No. 759: Ethical Considerations for Performing Gynecological Surgery in Low-Resource Settings Abroad

This Committee Opinion was developed by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Committee on Ethics in collaboration with committee member Ginny L. Ryan, MD, MA

Global surgical care programs present obstetrician-gynecologists with important opportunities to address disparities in women's health and health care worldwide. However, these programs also present a unique set of practical and ethical challenges. Obstetrician-gynecologists are encouraged to participate in surgical care efforts abroad while taking the necessary steps to ensure that their patients can make informed decisions and receive benefit

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 November, click on the following links ([article 1](#); [article 2](#); [article 3](#); [article 4](#)).



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, [digital exhibits](#), and news/highlights, such as [Notes from the Rare Book Room](#).

For a list of the University of Iowa History of Medicine Society 2018/2019 Presentations and Events, [click here](#).

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT (CONTINUED)

from and are not harmed by their surgical care. In this document, the Committee on Ethics highlights some of the ethical issues that may arise when providing surgical care in low-resource settings to help guide obstetrician-gynecologists in providing the best care possible. This document has been updated to broaden its focus beyond the example of obstetric fistulae, to address issues pertinent to medical trainees, and to include new information to guide physicians' return home from participation in global surgical care programs. Although clinical research has an important role in the surgical care of patients in global settings, a complete discussion of the conduct of ethical research in global settings is beyond the scope of this document.

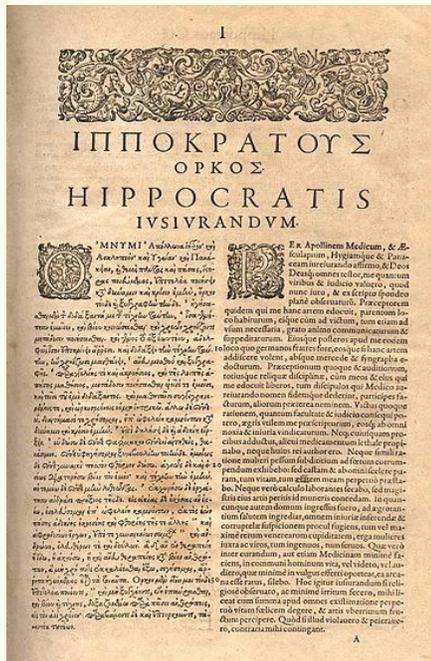
To read the full Committee Opinion, [click here](#).

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

OATHS & ETHICS: a new Advanced Elective for CCOM students (Feb. 11-Mar. 7, 2019)

Oaths and Ethics (MED:8413) is a new Advanced Elective directed by Dr. Kaldjian. It is a course for CCOM students who are in the last phase of the CCOM curriculum. It aims to help students gain a deeper appreciation for the meaning and significance of a medical oath, both for themselves, and for their profession and society. In this four-week elective, students will have the opportunity to discuss the history and purpose of medical oaths, examine the content of medical oaths in terms of ethical values and obligations, reflect on ethical principles and virtues communicated in ethics-related seminars at UIHC, and write a medical oath that crystallizes their own most important professional commitments.

Students who are interested can email [Dr. Kaldjian](#) for more information or can register by contacting the CCOM Registrar's Office.



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