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

Quotation of the Month
“The health care industry is increasingly driven by the pursuit of value …this value is nothing more than a business rebranding of efficiency with little connection to care.”

To read more, click here: Montori (Acad Med; 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.

Publication Highlight
In Support of Goals-of-Care Discussions in Shared Decision Making – An Extended Response to the Rejoinders
Lauris Christopher Kaldjian
Communication & Medicine, 2017;14(3):287-298

INTRODUCTION: I am indebted to my colleagues – Larry Cripe and Richard Frankel, Martin Richards, Peter Scalia and Glyn Elwyn, and Angus Clarke – for the time they have taken to pose questions and offer comments that challenge and support my essay on the relationship between goals of care, concepts of health, and shared decision making (Kaldjian 2017). I am also grateful for the opportunity to respond (at some length!) to many of the issues raised, some of which are conceptual, some empirical, and some practical. Because most of the concerns relate to goals of care and shared decision making, it is to aspects of these topics that I will devote most of my attention.
**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).

**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.

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**Program Highlight**

*Save the Date*

4th Annual Ethics in Healthcare Conference 2019

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

The Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Roy and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, in cooperation with the College of Nursing, will host its 4th Annual Ethics in Healthcare Conference on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the Medical Education and Research Facility (MERF). Registration will open on January 7, 2019. For more information, please check out our website.

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**History of Medicine Society January Presentation**

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to hear:

*Iowa Trailblazer: Contributions to Medicine by Elmer DeGowin*

**Richard DeGowin**
Professor Emeritus, Internal Medicine
University of Iowa College of Medicine

**Date:** Thursday, January 24, 2019

**Time:** 5:30-6:30 pm

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


⇒ **A guide to fetal tissue research: the controversy, the stakes, and the hunt for alternatives.** STAT News, December 17, 2018.

⇒ **Illinois regulators are investigating a psychiatrist whose research with children was marred by misconduct.** ProPublica, December 12, 2018.

⇒ **Amid ethics outcry, should journals publish the ‘CRISPR babies’ paper?** STAT News, December 11, 2018.

⇒ **What these medical journal don’t reveal: Top doctors ties to industry.** The New York Times, December 8, 2018.

⇒ **Here’s why doctors are skeptical about medical marijuana.** Des Moines Register, December 7, 2018.

⇒ **The CRISPR baby scandal gets worse by the day.** The Atlantic, December 4, 2018.


⇒ **We must analyze and clear up the ethical issues in FOAM.** ACEP Now, November 16, 2018.

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](#).

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