

# 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

*In sum, Canada's public healthcare system provides more equitable care [than in the U.S.], a more robust safety net (particularly for those in the bottom half of the income scale), and a level of comfort for everybody (including many of the wealthy) that illness will not lead to bankruptcy. At the same time, many persons will pay more taxes, wait longer, and receive less patient-centered care than they are accustomed to.*

Cram et al. ([J Gen Intern Med](#); 2017)

## 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](#)

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

### *ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2017*



On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Program in Bioethics and Humanities hosted *Ethics in Healthcare 2017* on the campus of the Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City. We were delighted to host professionals from throughout the state of Iowa, and some from across the Mississippi, to this one-day meeting focused on collaborative dialogue and inter-professional exchange. Three large group

## 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 May, 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 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, [click here](#).

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT (CONTINUED)

lectures followed by small group case-discussions allowed us to engage a range of challenging topics. Dr. Karl Thomas helped us clarify our understanding of moral distress when providing care at the end-of-life. Dr. Erica Carlisle guided us through the nuanced concerns that arise when trying to enhance shared decision making in the care of adolescent patients. Dr. Lauris Kaldjian presented a framework for thinking about the ethical challenges we encounter when discussing healthcare costs with patients. And we were delighted to have the day capped off by Dr. Peter Angelos, a surgeon-ethicist from the University of Chicago who explored ethical issues that come with surgical innovations. Participants made the Conference a genuine time of engagement, rather than just an opportunity to be informed. We all benefited from the wealth of experience, depth of insight, and range of perspectives they brought to our discussions. We look forward to *Ethics in Healthcare 2018!*



## PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT ETHICAL MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH CANCER AND MENTAL ILLNESS

Case and Commentary

by Laurel J. Lyckholm, MD and Arwa K. Aburizik, MD, MS

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[AMA Journal of Ethics](#). 2017; 19(5): 444-453

Patients with co-existing cancer and mental illness must be given special attention due to the vulnerability that is created by their compromised psychological ability to comprehend the meaning of their cancer diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis. They are at increased risk for mortality due to many factors arising from their mental illness. To provide them with care that is just and compassionate, clinicians must be empathic and imaginative. Using a case and brief application of theories of justice involving vulnerable populations, we explore practical and ethical issues surrounding the care of patients with mental illness and cancer, arguing that society must provide the resources needed to provide comparable cancer care to those who are more vulnerable.

## LITERARY HIGHLIGHT FROM A CCOM FACULTY MEMBER

### Christmas Rose

A short story recently published in the fiction section of *Intima: A Journal of Narrative Medicine* by UI professor emeritus Dr. Carol Scott-Connor.



## THE RUTGERS JOURNAL OF BIOETHICS

### A CALL FOR PAPERS



The [Rutgers Journal of Bioethics](#) is an undergraduate journal exploring the intersection of ethics, biology, society and public policy. It has been published each year since 2009. While the journal solicits articles from all persons wishing to participate in the open discussion on bioethics, it is staffed by students at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. The journal welcomes all unsolicited original essays, book reviews, editorials and art. Some example subjects are medical treatment, biological warfare, research ethics, medical sociology, social justice, history of medicine/science, medical case analysis, eugenics, gene therapy, human cloning, medical malpractice, and healthcare policy; however, you are not limited to these topics.

### *Submission Guidelines:*

**COVER SHEET:** Article title, author name(s), institutional affiliation, date of submission, abstract, and contact information (e-mail and phone number).

**SUBMISSION:** Submit as a Microsoft Word Document (.doc/ .docx), in double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font. The following submission types are accepted: opinion editorials (1-3 pages in length), long and short book reviews (1-10 pages, include bibliographic information on book) and research papers (8-15 pages in length of content, not including citations).

**CITATIONS:** Use the style guidelines outlined by the American Psychological Association (APA). Do not submit articles with more than 30 citations.

To submit, email your cover sheet and submission to [rubioethics.journ@gmail.com](mailto:rubioethics.journ@gmail.com); ATTN: ARTICLE SUBMISSION.

**The submission deadline for the Fall issue is November 11th.**

## BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE

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- ⇒ Kling TL. Dave didn't have to die: On health care for homeless patients. [Health Aff \(Millwood\)](#). 2017; 36: 952-955.
- ⇒ Rager JB, Schwartz PH. Defending opioid treatment agreements: Disclosure, not promises. [Hastings Cent Rep](#). 2017 May-Jun; 47: 24-33.
- ⇒ Taylor LJ, Nabozny MJ, Steffens NM, et al. A framework to improve surgeon communication in high-stakes surgical decisions: Best case/worst case. [JAMA Surg](#). 2017 Feb 01. [Epub ahead of print]

## BIOETHICS IN THE NEWS

- ⇒ [How Do We Choose Who Gets the Flu Vaccine in a Pandemic – Paramedics, Prisoners or the Public?](#) The Conversation, May 23, 2017.
- ⇒ [Focus on Infants During Childbirth Leaves U.S. Moms in Danger](#). NPR, May 12, 2017.
- ⇒ [Placebos Work Even When Patients Know What They Are](#). The Conversation, May 5, 2017.