

# BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES NEWSLETTER

PROGRAM IN BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES



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**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.

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## Program Highlight

### [Bioethics and Humanities Seminar](#)

The Bioethics and Humanities Seminar is an elective 1 credit hour course offered during the Fall Semester that introduces students to topic areas and themes that are central to bioethics and humanities in the context of medicine. The course provides “breadth” through the number of topic areas it covers, and it offers opportunities for “depth” through the quality of its required readings and the dialogue afforded by small-group discussion.

The Seminar is limited to 15 students in order to create a setting that is conducive to engagement by all participants. Priority for enrollment will be given to medical students who are enrolled in the **Humanities Distinction Track** at the CCOM, then to other CCOM medical students, and then to other students at the University of Iowa by permission of the Course Co-Directors.

For more information about the Seminar, [please click here](#).

Course Co-Directors:  
Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD  
Christian Simon, PhD

## Upcoming Events

For a listing of upcoming events related to bioethics and humanities, please click [here](#).

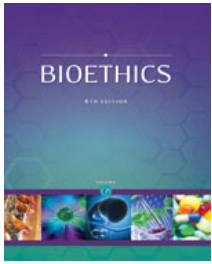
## Quotation of the Month

*Today, however, in professional ethics, the test of moral seriousness may depend not simply upon personal compliance with ethical principles, but upon the courage to hold others accountable. Otherwise, the doctor's oath to his patients has yielded to the somewhat tarnished majesty of the guild.*

- William F. May (from his 1977 essay, *Code and Covenant or Philanthropy and Contract?*)

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## Publication Highlight



Christian Simon, a primary Faculty member in the Program, along with Eric Kodish at the Cleveland Clinic and Yoram Unguru at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, contributed a piece on pediatric ethics and informed consent to the fourth edition of *Bioethics* (published in May 2014). This encyclopedic chapter entitled “**Cancer, Ethical Issues related to Diagnosis and Treatment**”, describes and discusses a broad spectrum of ethical quandaries and strategies encountered in the modern oncology setting.

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

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## Bioethics on the Radio



### [The Pulse](#)

Aired on June 27, 2014

You might recognize the voice of one of the people interviewed on this NPR affiliate radio piece entitled “**Operator? N.J. business, insurers take on end-of-life discussions with patients by phone**”. To listen to the radio segment, [please click here](#).

## Clinical Research Ethics Consultation 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, [please click here](#).

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## Resource Highlight

UW Medicine  
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### [Ethics in Medicine – Bioethics Topics](#)

The Ethics in Medicine website is an educational resource designed for clinicians in training. The website is hosted by the Department of Bioethics & Humanities at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Each bioethics topic begins with an overview and a series of commonly asked questions. In addition, there are several case-based scenarios with discussions linked to each topic. Links to additional readings and related websites are included at the end of topic.

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