

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, please [click here](#).

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

Social cost considerations played an important role in the eugenics movement in the USA during the 20th century and they may do so again.

Iltis (for more, see [J Med Ethics](#); 2016)

READING ETHICS AT UIHC

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

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](#).



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

CONFERENCE: *ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2016*

On May 20, the Program in Bioethics and Humanities hosted *Ethics in Healthcare 2016* on the campus of the Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City. We were delighted to have over 70 participants at this one-day meeting for collaborative dialogue and inter-professional exchange. Four large group lectures

provided overviews of important topics



(responding to families who refuse routine vaccines, advance directives

and IPOST, shared decision making in critical care, and genetic screening in reproductive medicine), and small group discussions after each lecture allowed participants to engage with each other in discussions of patient cases that involved each of these challenging topics.

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, please click [here](#).

HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to read "[Notes from the John Martin Rare Book Room, June 2016](#)."

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society (HOMS) and the John Martin Rare Book Room now have a large number of video and audio recordings of HOMS lectures from 1985-2015. To access the recordings, [please click here](#).

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT (CONTINUED)

CONFERENCE: *ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2016*

Discussions continued during the breaks and were greatly enriched by the broad range of professional backgrounds and experiences that participants shared with each other. In reviewing the Conference evaluations, we were grateful to see how strongly participants agreed that the goals of the Conference were met. *We are looking forward to holding another conference in 2017*, and we will update you with more details as plans go forward.



RESOURCE

Documenting Parental Refusal to Have Their Children Vaccinated *American Academy of Pediatrics*

The American Academy of Pediatrics has created a form that may be used as a template to document that the health care provider had a discussion with the parent(s) about the risks of failing to immunize their child. To download the Refusal to Vaccinate form, please [click here](#).

This site also contains resources available to help pediatricians develop a productive dialogue with vaccine-hesitant parents and answer questions about vaccine risks and benefits. There are some immunization resources for parents as well.

[More details](#)

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