AAP Section on Bioethics: Other Information

AAP Policy Statements

This list includes some AAP policies, clinical or technical reports and statements which may be of interest to pediatricians who are interested in ethical issues. It is not intended to be comprehensive but you may use the AAP Policy Finder (www.aappolicy.org) to search for other policies. The dates, although not comprehensive, indicate publication, revision or retirement. The retired ones are marked as such. The order is alphabetical by title.

AAP Principles Concerning Retail-Based Clinics – 2006

The Adolescent’s Right to Confidential Care When Considering Abortion. http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/01/19/peds.2016-3861 2017

Adolescent Drug Testing Policies in Schools. --2015


Alternative Dispute Resolution in Medical Malpractice - 2006

Antenatal Counseling Regarding Resuscitation at an Extremely Low Gestational Age – 2009

See Pediatrician-Family-Patient Relationships: Managing the Boundaries

Care of the Adolescent Sexual Assault Victim - 2008


Child Abuse, Confidentiality and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act – 2009

Children as Hematopoietic Stem Cell Donors – 2010

Children, Adolescents, and the Media. --2013

Circumcision Policy Statement - 2012

Confidentiality in Adolescent Health Care - 1989 & 1993

Conflicts between Religious or Spiritual Beliefs and Pediatric Care: Informed Refusal, Exemptions, and Public Funding. –2013, 2017

A Consensus Statement on Health Care Transitions for Young Adults with Special Care Needs - 2002

Consent by Proxy for Nonurgent Pediatric Care. https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/01/19/peds.2016-3911 2017


Considerations Related to the Use of Recombinant Human Growth Hormone in Children - 1997

Contraception and Adolescents – 1999 & 2007 revision


Corporal Punishment in School - 2006

Counseling Families Who Choose Complementary and Alternative Medicine for Their Child With Chronic Illness or Disability - 2001, 2010

Countering Vaccine Hesitancy 2016


Detention of Immigrant Children http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/03/09/peds.2017-0483 2017


Documenting Parental Refusal to have their children vaccinated - 2013
Ethical and Policy Issues in Genetic Testing and Screening of Children (Policy Statement) - 2013


Ethical Controversies in Organ Donation After Circulatory Death – 2013, reaffirmed 2016

Definition of a Pediatrician. --2015


Emergency Contraception - 2005, replaced

Emergency Contraception - 2012


Ensuring Culturally Effective Pediatric Care: Implications for Education and Health Policy - 1999, 2008

Ethical Considerations in Research with Socially Identifiable Populations - 2004, 2008, 2013


Ethics and the Care of Critically Ill Infants and Children – 1996

The Evaluation of Suspected Child Physical Abuse. --2015

Expert Witness Participation in Civil and Criminal Proceedings. : http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2017/02/16/peds.2016-3862 2017

Failure to Thrive as a Manifestation of Child Abuse – 2005, 2008

Female Genital Mutilation – 1998, revised 2010, retired 2010

Fetal Therapy-Ethical Considerations - retired 2007

Forgoing Life-Sustaining Medical Treatment in Abused Children - 2000, 2007

Forgoing Medically Provided Nutrition and Hydration in Children – 2009

Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct of Studies to Evaluate Drugs in Pediatric Populations - 2005, revised in 2010


Helping Children and Families Deal with Divorce and Separation - 2002

High-Deductible Health Plans - 2007


Hospital Stay for Healthy Term Newborn Infants. --2015

HPV Vaccine Recommendations - 2007, 2012


Human Embryonic Stem Cell (hESC) and Human Embryo Research - 2012

Increasing Immunization Coverage – 2010

Infants with Anencephaly as Organ Sources: Ethical Considerations - retired 2009


Introduction to the Newborn Screening Fact Sheets - 2006

The Initiation or Withdrawal of Treatment for High-Risk Newborns - 2007


Intimate Partner Violence: The Role of the Pediatrician – 2010

Medical Countermeasures for Children in Public Health Emergencies, Disasters, or Terrorism. –2016

Medical Versus Nonmedical Immunization Exemptions for Child Care and School Attendance. --2016
Minors as Living Solid-Organ Donors - 2008, 2011


Newborn Screening Expands: Recommendations for Pediatricians and Medical Homes - Implications for the System - 2008

Nondiscrimination in Pediatric Health Care – 2001 & 2007 revision

Noninitiation or Withdrawal of Intensive Care for High Risk Newborns – 2007, 2015

Office-Based Care for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth - 2013 (policy statement)

Office-Based Care for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth - 2013 (technical report)


Patient & Family Centered Care of Children in the Emergency Department - 2008

Patient Safety in the Pediatric Emergency Care Setting - 2007

Pediatric Organ Donation and Transplantation - 2002, 2008, revised 2010

Pediatric Palliative Care and Hospice Care Commitments, Guidelines, and Recommendations. --2013

The Pediatrician and Childhood Bereavement - 2000, 2004


Pediatrician-Family-Patient Relationships: Managing the Boundaries - 2009

The Pediatricians Role in Child Maltreatment Prevention – 2010


Perinatal Care at the Threshold of Viability - 2002

Physician Refusal to Provide Information or Treatment on the Basis of Claims of Conscience - 2009

Preservation of Fertility in Pediatric and Adolescent Patients with Cancer – 2008


Prevention of Medication Errors in the Pediatric Inpatient Setting - reaffirmed 2007

Prevention of Human Papillomavirus Infection: Provisional Recommendations for Immunization of Females with Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine - 2007

Prevention of Sexual Harassment in the Workforce and Educational Setting - 2009, 2012


Privacy Protection of Health Information: Patient Rights and Pediatrician Responsibilities - retired 2006

Professional Liability Coverage for Residents and Fellows - 2000


Promoting the Well-Being of Children Whose Parents Are Gay or Lesbian - 2013

Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse by Health Care Providers – 2011

Providing Care for Children and Adolescents Facing Homelessness and Housing Insecurity—2013, 2016  http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2013/05/22/peds.2013-0645

Providing care for immigrant, migrant, and border children – 2013


Recognizing and Responding to Medical Neglect - 2007

Recommendations for Mandatory Influenza Immunization of All Health Care Personnel – 2010

Reducing the Risk of HIV Infection Associated with Illicit Drug Use - 2006


The 2013 reaffirmation includes 1 change in wording, as follows: In the section “Responding to Parents Who Refuse Immunization for Their Children,” sixth paragraph, the fifth sentence should read “In general, pediatricians should endeavor not to discharge patients from their practices solely because a parent refuses to immunize a child.”


Role of Schools in Combating Illicit Substance Abuse - 2007


Scope of Health Care Benefits for Children From Birth Through Age 21 – 2006

Standard Terminology for Fetal, Infant, and Perinatal Deaths--2015

Standards for Health Information Technology to Ensure Adolescent Privacy - 2012


Supporting the family after the death of a child – 2012, 2016

Tackling in Youth Football. –2015

Testing for Drugs of Abuse in Children and Adolescents - 2006

Toward Transparent Clinical Policies - 2008

Underinsurance of Adolescents: Recommendations for Improved Coverage of Preventive, Reproductive, and Behavioral Health Care Services - 2009


When Is Lack of Supervision Neglect? - 2006
AAP Grand Rounds from the Section on Bioethics

This is a listing of the articles the Section on Bioethics has published in AAP Grand Rounds and articles of interest to us from other sections.

Published in 2012


And:


Published in 2011

On:

Follow up letter

On:

On:
Brooks MA, Tarini BA. Genetic testing and youth sports. JAMA. 2011; 305( 10): 1033– 1034

Published in 2010
On:

On:

On:

Published in 2009
On:

Yates FD. Parent or Nurse-Controlled Analgesia for Pain Control in Developmentally Delayed Children. AAP Grand Rounds. 2009;21(3):32.
On:

Published in 2008

On:

**Published in 2007**


On:


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**Published in 2006**


On:


On:

**Published in 2005**


**Published in 2004**


**Published in 2003**


Published in 2002


Published in 1999

AAP Articles – Grand Rounds articles from other sections

Published in 2015

Section on Infectious Disease.
**Alternative vaccination schedules and up-to-date status.** AAP Grand Rounds. 2015; 33(2): 13.

Published in 2013

Section on Critical Care

*From Hospice & Palliative Care*

Published in 2012

*From Hospice & Palliative Care*
Percy R, Sheetz J. *End-of-life Care in Children With Advanced Heart Disease.** AAP Grand Rounds 2012; 28(6): 69
On:

On

Published in 2011

Point-counterpoint
and
On

From Hospice & Palliative Medicine
Sheetz J. Screening Parents of Chronically Ill Children for Depression. AAP Grand Rounds 2011; 26(3): 34.

From At-Large
on

Published in 2005
Section on Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics.
On

Section on Radiology
On

Published in 2004
Section on Critical Care
On
**Published in 2003**
Section on Critical Care
On

**Published in 2000**
Section on Critical Care
On

On

**Published in 1999**
Section on Orthopedics
On
AAP Articles - Pediatrics in Review

This is a listing of articles on bioethics alphabetized by author from Pediatrics in Review.


Camsoy CC. Just distribution of health-care resources and the neonatal ICU. Pediatrics in Review. 2011; 32:204-207.


Endorsed Policy Statements/Statements of Affirmation of Value /Joint Statements

Below is a listing of some policies from other organizations endorsed, values or released jointly by the Academy.

https://www.adolescenthealth.org/SAHM_Main/media/Advocacy/Positions/Confidentiality-Position-Statement.pdf

A Consensus Statement on Health Care Transitions for Young Adults With Special Health Care Needs. American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine
http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/110/Supplement_3/1304.short --2002

Executing Juvenile Offenders: A Fundamental Failure of Society –Society for Adolescent Medicine. --2004

Foster Care Mental Health Values –American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry--2002

Gifts to Physicians from Industry-American Medical Association Opinion 8.061 - 2004

Mental Health and Substance Use Screening and Assessment of Children in Foster Care—American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry--2003

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). Standards of Practice for Pediatric Palliative Care and Hospice. The standards are available at: www.nhpco.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=5874.

Protecting Adolescents: Ensuring Access to Care and Reporting Sexual Activity - 2004

Shared Decision-Making in the Appropriate Initiation of and Withdrawal From Dialysis from the Renal Physicians Association – 2010

Standards of Practice for Pediatric Palliative Care and Hospice --National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO)—2010.
Continuing Medical Education (CME)/Trainings

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In some states ethics CME is required for licensure renewal. CME is available on line from various sources. Texas Medical Association maintains a list of some courses for both online and home studies in ethics for physicians. The Texas Department of State Health Services Grand Rounds is a set of presentations in Austin. It is possible to attend them online as well as in Austin.

To receive New England Journal of Medicine CME credit you need not be a subscriber but you must register and there is a fee per exam. Check for the subject heading medical ethics. You may also find CME articles from JAMA. BMJ Learning is a British CME site which includes some modules on ethics. British Medical Journal and Cleveland Clinic now have some joint CME (http://www.bmj.com/cgi/collection/cleveland_clinic_cme).

This is a listing of some CME links arranged by topic. Some of these have expiration dates so you might want to check them.

Communication/Relationships

From the Southern Medical Association: Who Is this Patient?


Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Appelbaum AI, et al. A Family’s Request for Complementary Medicine after Patient Brain Death. JAMA. 2008;299(18):2188-2193. (This has CME connected to it.)

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
From BMJ on confidentiality

Consent (including parental consent)
Appelbaum PS. Assessment of Patients’ Competence to Consent to Treatment. NEJM 2007;357(18):1834-1840

BMJ has a module: “Consent: an up to date guide”
Texas Department of State Health Services Grand Rounds: Lessons Learned from the Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Education/Mentors/Testing
Ethical Challenges in Short-Term Global Health Training

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility
Medscape on “the last hours of living” (Medscape free account log in required)v

A medscape program: End-of-Life Care in the setting of cancer: withdrawing nutrition and hydration. (Medscape free account log in required)

From BMJ Learning on guidelines in the UK:
Decisions relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation—part 1: patients with capacity.

Decisions relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation—part 2: adults who lack capacity.

Ethics:
Peter Singer will be teaching a massive online course at Princeton starting March 1, 2014.
https://www.coursera.org/course/practicalethics?goback=.gde_116163_member_5798760217051152384#

Global Health Bioethics


Health Care Reform
Iowa Law School offers a Healthcare Reform online class

Infectious Diseases
A module from BMJ: Pandemic flu: an update on ethical dilemmas

Legal

AAP Pedialink has a hot topic course on “Medical Liability and the Pediatrician”

Misconduct/Physician Impairment
Medscape on “Physician Impairment due to Substance Use Disorders.” (Medscape free account log in required)
**Newborn Screening**

*Medscape on “New Guidelines Recommend Universal Prenatal Screening” (Medscape free account log in required)*

In January 2007 Texas expanded its newborn screening to include 27 disorders. There is an [online training module](#) if you are interested.

**Oncology**


**Religion**

*From the Southern Medical Association: Strangers or Friends? A Proposal for a New Spirituality in Medicine Ethic.*

**Research**

*Ethical Challenges in Short-Term Global Health Training*

**Stem cells/Embryos/Research/Cord Blood**

*Umbilical cord blood banking*

*From the Southern Medical Association: Stem Cell Research-The Science and Ethics*
Related Links

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Internet Resources
This is a listing of resources that may be useful to you. It includes a wide range of sites but it is not intended to include everything that is available. Although there may be overlap the links are grouped into four general sections:

1. Government and International Web sites
2. Journals, Medical Organizations, Academic Organizations, Reference and Other Sites
3. News Web Sites
4. Social Media, Blogs, Podcasts and Listservs

If you have suggestions for links to list on this site, please send them to the Web Editor, Brenda Jean Mears, MD, FAAP. Please also remember that Web site addresses may change and that some of the links require registration to view/access the page.

Government and International Web Sites

- HHS website on breaches of health information affecting 500 or more
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Bioethics Resources on the Web
- National Library of Medicine/ National Institute of Health Locator Plus
- PubMed
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Bioethics Site

Journals, Medical Organization, Academic Organization, Reference and Other Web Sites

- American Board of Pediatrics
- American Health Lawyers Association
- American Journal of Bioethics
- American Medical Association (AMA)
  - AMA Code of Ethics
  - AMA Medical Ethics
  - Virtual Mentor
- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
- American Society of Law Medicine and Ethics
- Bioethics
- Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics
- Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity
- Children’s National Medical Center
  - Christian Bioethics
  - Clinical Ethics
• End of Life/Palliative Education Resource Center
• Ethics and Public Policy Center
• Hastings Center
  o Briefs:
    • Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Demographics and Socioeconomic Status
    • Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Use of Health Care
    • Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: U.S. Health Policy and Access to Care
  o Bioethics Forum (commentaries)
  o Hastings Center Report
  o IRB: Ethics & Human Research
  o Special Reports
  o Help with Hard Questions Series
• Initiative for Pediatric Palliative Care
• International Society for Stem Cell Research – for patients
• Intute Bioethics Web
• Journal of Clinical Ethics
• Journal of Medical Humanities
• Journal of Medical Ethics
• Kennedy Institute
  o Bibliography of Bioethics

• Bioethics Matters

• Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal
  o National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature
  o Scope Note Series
• Medical College of Wisconsin
• Medical Humanities
• Milbank Quarterly
• National Hospice and Palliative Organization
• National Perinatal Association
• Pediatric Ethics Consortium (includes legal notes, policies, conference calendar, etc)
• Philosopher’s Index
• Philosophy and Bioethics Network Universe
  o News link site
  o Various philosophy resources
• Rainbow Center for Pediatric Ethics
• Sigma Xi
• Society for Adolescent Medicine
• Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
• Society of Critical Care Medicine
• Southern Medical Association
  ○ Stanford Center for Bioethics
• Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
• United Network for Organ Sharing
• University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics

News Web Sites (news articles are also included in a number of other sites)
• Bioedge
• Bioethics.com
• Health News Review

Social Media, Blogs, Podcasts, Listservs
• Adventures in Ethics and Science
• American Journal of Bioethics editors’ blog
• Bioethics Discussion Blog (Maurice Bernstein)
• Biopolitical Times
• Blog de Bioethique Afrique Francophone
• Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity Podcasts
• Covert Rationing Blog
• Ethical Pediatrician
• Facebook
  ○ American Journal of Bioethics -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/bioethics.net/
  ○ Loyola Bioethics Online Graduate Programs-- https://www.facebook.com/LoyolaBioethics?fref=nf
• Global Bioethics Blog
• HealthLawBlog
• Medical Futility
• Neuroethics and Law Blog
• Respectful Insolence
• Secondhand Smoke (Wesley J Smith)
• Sufficient Scruples
• Women’s Bioethics Project
• Wall Street Journal (WSJ) Health Blog
• Yahoo Bioethics Listserv
Other Web Material

Podcasts, Blog, Board and Forum Posts
Sermo is a social media forum for physicians. They recently had some posts you might find interesting.

Do physicians have a responsibility to keep working as physicians when they wish to retire early or change careers? https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/297723

If as a physician you come into possession of a patient’s legally obtained drugs, after an overdose perhaps, to whom should you give the medication? The patient? Family members? Should they be discarded? https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/297801

Responses to the legislative proposal in Hawaii to require all physicians to accept medicare as condition of licensure https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/298490

Thoughts on difficult patients. https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/306452

on patients and families videoing visits. https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/313114

on a patient asking a physician to take a breathalyzer https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/317592?woo_campaign=06_02_2016_AH&woo_source=ENDP&woo_medium=email&woo_content=first


a discussion of FGM and reports to CPS https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/322848?woo_campaign=07_08_2016_WKD&woo_source=English&woo_medium=email&woo_content=third

on EMR’s and malpractice risk https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/324050?woo_campaign=07_08_2016_DP&woo_source=ENDP&woo_medium=email&woo_content=first

on requests for medical help on airlines and providing your license https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/329310?woo_campaign=08_11_2016_DP&woo_source=ENDP&woo_medium=email&woo_content=second

on a patient on Medicaid and chemo
on resuscitating infants who seem dead on 1st arrival in Ed

on Dr Sears

Upcoming Events

AAP Courses/Meetings
PediaLink CME Finder
AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE)

AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) 2016
AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) 2017
Peds 21 Physician Wellness and Burnout
September 16-19, 2017
Chicago, McCormick Place

2018 Orlando November 3-6

2019 New Orleans, October 26-29

2020 San Diego October 3-6

Non-AAP Meetings

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Other Courses
This list may include meetings, grand rounds, webinars, etc. arranged by date.
12th UNESCO World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law
St. Raphael Hotel Resort & Congress Center
Limassol
Cyprus
https://www.isas.co.il/bioethics2017-Limassol/index.php

March 26, 2017.
Re enchanting Medicine.
2017 Conference on Medicine and Religion
JW Marriott Galleria
5150 Westheimer Rd
Houston, TX 77056
http://www.medicineandrelicigion.com/

April 6, 2017
23rd Annual Thomas A. Pitts Memorial Lectureship in Medical Ethics Perspectives of Alzheimer's Disease: Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues
Medical University of South Carolina
114 Doughty St
Charleston, SC
http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/humanvalues/lectureship/index.html

April 27-29, 2017
The Academy for Professionalism in Health Care 5th Annual Meeting: Professionalism in a Challenging System: Can Humanism Nurture Health Professionals' Contract With Society?
Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown
600 N State St
Chicago, IL
http://www.academy-professionalism.org/meetings/2017meeting/index.cfm

May 9, 2017
Grand Rounds
CRISPR and Gene Editing: One Tool to Rule Them All
Carrie D. Wolinetz, PhD
Southwestern Medical School
Dallas, Texas
http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/educationprograms/ethics_program/grand-rounds.html

May 19, 2017
Ethics in Healthcare 2017
Medical Education Research Facility at the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine
375 Newton Rd
Newnan, IA
https://medicine.uiowa.edu/bioethics/news-events/ethics-healthcare-conference

May 25-28, 2017
Mediation of Clinical Ethics Disputes
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia
3400 Civic Center Blvd
Philadelphia, PA

June 5-7, 2017
Genomics and Society: Expanding the ELSI Universe
The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine and UConn Health
Discovery Dr
Farmington, CT
http://www.elsicon2017.org/

June 22-24, 2017
Genetic & Reproductive Technologies.
Trinity International University
2065 Half Day Rd
Deerfield, IL
https://cbhd.org/conf2017

July 17-18, 2017
Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference: 17th – 18th July 2017
Keble College, University of Oxford
Oxford OX1 3PG
UK

October 9-11, 2017
Resisting Borders: A Virtual Conference on Refugee and Migrant Health, Mobility, Human Rights and Responsibilities
https://resistingborders.com/

October 19-22, 2017
ASBH Annual Meeting
Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.
Kansas City, MO.
http://asbh.org/annual-meeting/bioethics-humanities-meeting
External Organizations' Policy Statements and Other Reports

This list is intended to include some policies from other organizations. The dates indicate publication, revision or retirement. The order is alphabetical by title/topic. These have not been endorsed by the AAP but may be of interest to some of us. As we find additional policies we will add them but this is not intended to be comprehensive. The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs of the AMA also maintains policies. The AMA has redone the code this year and the numbers of the policies may have changed. This link appears to have most of the new numbers. file:///C:/Users/Brenda/Downloads/concordance-2016-07-18.pdf

**Advance care planning for paediatric patients- B08-02.** Canadian Paediatric Society. 2008.

**ACMG recommendations for reporting of incidental findings in clinical exome and genome sequencing.** American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics. 2013


**Opinion 2.162—anencephalic neonates as organ donors.** American Medical Association.


**Opinion 2.151—cadaveric organ donation: encouraging the study of motivation.** American Medical Association.

**CCMG Statement on Direct to Consumer Genetic Testing.** Canadian College of Medical Geneticists. 2011. (password may be required)


**Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy.** American Cancer Society. 2010.


**Opinion 5.055-Confidential Care for Minors.** American Medical Association.


**Conflict of Interest in Medical Research, Education, and Practice.** Institute of Medicine. 2009.

**Opinion 8.051-Conflicts of Interest under Capitation.** American Medical Association.

**Conflict of Interest Policy.** American Medical Association. 1999.

**Opinion 8.03 - Conflicts of Interest: Guidelines.** American Medical Association.

**Conflict of Interest Policy for Editors of Clinical Chemistry.** AACC Board of Directors. 2008.

**Conflict of Interest - Policies at Academic Medical Centers.** Institute of Medicine.

**Disclosure and management of research findings in stem cell research and banking: policy statement.** International Stem Forum Ethics Working Party


**Direct-To-Consumer Genetic Testing.** American College of Medical Genetics Statement. 2008. (Membership and sign in required to view)


**Disposition of abandoned embryos: a committee opinion.** Ethics Committee of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. 2013

E-mail communication in paediatrics: Ethical and clinical considerations. 2010. (pdf format)


Ethics Abandoned: Medical Professionalism and Detainee Abuse in the War on Terror--The report from the Institute on Medicine as a Profession on health professionals & detainees.

Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subject--World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki


Opinion 8.054-Financial Incentives and the Practice of Medicine. American Medical Association


Genetic testing in asymptomatic minors; Background considerations towards ESHG Recommendations. European Society of Human Genetics. 2009.


Genome Editing in Human Cells—Initial Joint Statement.-- Academy of Medical Sciences and Association of Medical Research Charities and Bioscience for the Future and Medical Research Council and Wellcome Trust

Opinion 8.061 Gifts to Physicians from Industry. American Medical Association;

B03-01 Guidelines for genetic testing of healthy children. Canadian Paediatric Society. 2003
Opinion 2.3.1 Health Information Sites & Services Outside of an Existing Patient-Physician Relationship. American Medical Association.  


Ideas about naturalness in public and political debates about science, technology and medicine. Nuffield Council on Bioethics. 2015


Medical Ethics Today: The BMA handbook of ethics and law.


Pathways for Physician Success under Healthcare Payments and Delivery Reforms. American Medical Association 2010. 9 page executive summary


Opinion 5.10 A Physician’s Role Following a Breach of Electronic Health Information. American Medical Association 2010.


Opinion 2.3.5 Political Communications American Medical Association. 2016


Principles to Guide the Relationship between Graduate Medical Education and Industry. ACGME. 2002.


B04-01 Treatment decisions regarding infants, children and adolescents. Canadian Paediatric Society. 2004. (pdf format) (revision in progress)

U.S. Medical School Policies on Individual Financial Conflicts of Interest: Results of an AAMC Survey. AAMC. 2004


**Withholding and withdrawing artificial nutrition and hydration.** Canadian Paediatric Society, Bioethics Committee. 2011.

**Opinion 2.169. Xenotransplantation and Ethical Implications.** American Medical Association.
History, Literature, Media and the Arts in Medicine
With thanks to Mary B. Adam, MD, MA, FAAP

On History, Literature, Media and the Arts in Medicine
This is a miscellaneous set of resources on media which are do not necessarily fit well with our other files. It incorporates the older Movies List. The order is movies first, then various television or internet links, then miscellaneous Web links to various material.

Movie Intro:
Unlike previous generations of science fiction in movies and literature we currently live at a time when technological advances have moved our capabilities to places previously only imagined in science fiction. Scientists are now able to clone animals and some are working to clone human beings. Bioengineers, cell biologists, and clinicians are working together to build replacement body parts. Cybernetics, using bionic devices that enhance human capacities and xenogenetic tissue transplants from other species into human patients are being explored. Mapping of the human genome, a major milestone in our ability to understand the human instruction book, is now almost complete. The time is ripe for serious conversation about the path down which our technological advance is leading us. Many of these areas of biomedical research raise vexing issues. Can these technologies be harnessed for good and what risks to the human community might come along with technical "progress?" What does it mean to be human? Movies provide an esthetic opportunity explore questions raised by human cloning, artificial intelligence, and genetic engineering, and other bioethical issues. It is my contention that the bioethical debates of the 21st century are not the limited domain of scientists or bioethicists but are issues, which should be debated in the public square by the people, not just a subset of the intellectual elite. Below is a list of movies that explore a range of bioethical themes.

You may find the book Bioethics at the Movies useful.

You may find the University of Kentucky Web site on movies useful.

This British list of news clips may also be useful.

This site by the Scottish Council on Bioethics also has movie information.

After the movie list, you will find some journal article references and other links on movies, books and art.

Movie list for AAP Section on Bioethics Web site

Artificial Intelligence 2001. A Steven Speilberg classic where a highly advanced
robotic "boy" longs to become real and be truly loved by his human mother. *Bioethical Issues:* Humans as machines or something more, scientific progress versus human progress, what makes a "perfect child."

**Bicentennial Man** 1999. This film starring Robin Williams as a robot who wants to become human is perhaps one of the most delightful and engaging movies to examine bioethical themes. Based on the book of the same title by Isaac Asimov the movie explores what it means to be human. *Bioethical issues:* man as machine, scientific progress versus human progress

**Blade Runner** 1982. A society is genetically engineering and enslaving replicants. A retired officer is tasked with killing replicants who have revolted. In this society, not all replicants are aware they are replicants. *Bioethical issues:* genetic engineering, identity

**Blindness** 2008. The movie Blindness is now viewable in some areas. It concerns an epidemic in a city and how civilization breaks down.

**Boys from Brazil** 1978. This sci-fi thriller starring Gregory Peck and Laurence Olivier examines the issue of human cloning in the context of an insane plot to resurrect Adolph Hitler and a 4th Reich. *Bioethical issues:* Human cloning, scientific progress versus human progress, role of evil in human existence.

**The Bourne Legacy** 2012. A movie on enhancement.

**City of Joy** 1992. A physician becomes involved in an uprising against a Godfather in India. *Bioethical issues:* social activism


**Dark Victory** 1939. An intense film about a terminally-ill patient (Bette Davis) with a negative prognosis who marries her treating physician. He does not disclose specifics about her condition supposedly in the interest of her protection. *Bioethical issues:* patient physician relationship

**Donor Unknown** 2010. A documentary on the children of artificial insemination. *Bioethical issues:* artificial insemination, what makes a father

**Eggsploration** 2011. A documentary on egg donation.
**Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind** 2004. An estranged couple, Joel and Clementine, have all their memories of each other erased from their minds. One technician uses the memories of Joel to seduce Clementine.  
*Bioethical Issues*: Memory, identity, misuse of technology

**Experimenter**. 2015. A movie on the Milgram experiments.  
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B016Q1MJF0?_encoding=UTF8&*Version*=1&*entries*=0  
And http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/the-experimenters-pessimism/11628

**Extraordinary Measures** 2010  
A drama about parents forming a biotechnology company to develop a drug for their children who have a life threatening disease. It is based on the story of the Crowley family whose children have Pompe’s Disease.  
*Bioethical issues*: conflict of interest in research, interests of all the children, affected or unaffected, in the family

**The Fault in Our Stars** 2014  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuVjGbncqQE  

**GATTACA** 1997. GATTACA is a classic movie with Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman in a story of the quest for genetic enhancement and perfection.  
*Bioethical issues*: genetic screening and genetic engineering, eugenics, what is the worth and value of a child, what makes a perfect human, can we transcend our genetic limitations.

**Inception** 2010  
A man uses technology to invade the dreams of others stealing their ideas. He is accused of murdering his wife. He is asked to plant the idea (inception) of selling off all the pieces of a company in the hope of clearing his name and allowing him to be reunited with his children.  
*Bioethical issues*: use of technology, using bad techniques to reach good ends

**Johnny Q** 2002. A down-on-his luck father (Denzel Washington), whose insurance won't cover his son’s heart transplant, takes the hospital's emergency room hostage until the doctors agree to perform the operation. Issues of justice, access to health care, financial issues, organizational ethics versus individual ethical questions.  
*Bioethical Issues*: distributive justice in health care

**In Time** 2011. This movie is reviewed by Nick Yates in our spring 2012 newsletter.

**Lifeboat** 1944. This classic Hitchcock movie follow a group of people and their behavior
on a lifeboat in the Atlantic ocean.


**Million Dollar Baby 2004.** The movie tells the story of a boxing trainer Frankie Dunn (Clint Eastwood) and a woman boxer Maggie Fitzgerald. Heralded as a great boxing movie, Maggie and Frankie face a battle that will demand more heart and courage than any they’ve ever known.

*Bioethical issues:* euthanasia, suicide, and assisted suicide

**Minority Report 2002.** This sci-fi thriller starring Tom Cruise and directed by Steven Speilberg where criminals are caught before they commit crimes and punished. *Bioethical Issues:* Scientific research and protections of human subjects, neuroethics, sciences and scientists obligation to those born disabled or drug addicted, can we as humans predict evil.

**The Martian. 2015.** Concerns an astronaut left behind on Mars when he is thought to be dead. Craig Klugman calls this man’s choices: “ultimate autonomy”.

“But it also feeds into some American tropes that prevent us from seeing the facts in certain cases. Sometimes we need to face reality. Sometimes a situation isn’t good. And sometimes we have to hope for the best but prepare for the worst.” http://www.bioethics.net/2015/11/a-bioethicist-on-mars/


A short movie on 3 adult siblings assisting their terminally ill mother in committing suicide. It is promoted as a comedy.


**My Sister’s Keeper 2009.** This is from Jodi Picoult’s novel. On a girl conceived as a donor for her sister who sues for emancipation. [Washington Post Review](http://www.washingtonpost.com). See also the
discussion in the fall 2011 Section on Bioethics newsletter.

**Never Let Me Go** 2010. This is made from the 2005 novel by Kazuo Ishiguro and involves the students of a British boarding school who have been cloned and raised to be organ donors.


**The Dark Knight** 2008. Mary Adam’s wrote an article in our fall 2008 newsletter on this movie.

**The Kids Are All Right** 2010. Bioethical Issues: family and artificial insemination.


**The Sea Inside** 2004. Based on a true story, the film focuses on the life of Ramón Sampedro, a man paralyzed from the neck down who pursues legal action that will allow him to end his own life. Cared for lovingly by friends and family, Ramón has nevertheless reached a decision, after twenty-six years confined to his bed, that he does not want his life to continue. Bioethical Issues: decision-making, competence, "life not worth living", physician assisted suicide.

**Side Effects** 2013. A movie with some time spent on antidepressants and side effects. A discussion of side effects:
Bioethical Issues: use of experimental drugs

**The Last Campaign of Governor Booth Gardner** 2009. Documentary following assisted suicide ballot initiative in Washington State. It was nominated for an Oscar.

**The 6th Day** 2000. In this futuristic action movie Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a man who meets a clone of himself and stumbles into a power conspiracy of clones taking over the world. Bioethical issues: human and animal cloning, human rights, animal rights, clone rights, issues of scientific progress versus human progress.

**Whose Life is it Anyway** 1981. Richard Dryfuss plays a sculptor Ken Harrison. One
day he is involved in a car accident, and is paralyzed. He decides his life is no longer worth living and takes his physician to court in an effort to end his life. *Bioethical Issues:* euthanasia, suicide, and assisted suicide, patient autonomy, physician role in decision making, patient competence to decide.

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**Various Television and Internet Links**

These links include various programs, generally shorter than full length movies, available on television or internet. Please remember these links are not stable. I have tried to include enough information to enable you to find them. Television series are first. Following is a listing of various links categorized by the same listings as in our references listings.

**Television Programs listed by name of the program.**

**65 Red Roses.** A documentary on a patient with cystic fibrosis. You can access it on youtube currently [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opg0BjY4lo8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opg0BjY4lo8)

**Bonanza**

*Bonanza: The Quality of Mercy: November 17, 1963-from season 5 of the TV series-on Seth admitting to a mercy killing.*

**Boston Med**

*On consent for the ABC program Boston Med*

*And more on the show*

**Bull**

Season 1. Episode 10. EJ

“When Self Driving Cars Kill?”


**Chicago Med**

Season 2, Episode 5: Extreme Measures.

How much should a medical student do in an emergency?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5H8yblDThrE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5H8yblDThrE)

Season 2, Episode 14: Cold Front

Triage in mass casualty incidents.

**Code Black** is a new tv program about a busy emergency department. It has a number of inaccuracies. Skeptical scalpel has posted about it. *Code. In my area Code Black is a weather warning.* [http://skepticalscalpel.blogspot.com/2015/10/code-black-should-be-pronounced-dead.html](http://skepticalscalpel.blogspot.com/2015/10/code-black-should-be-pronounced-dead.html)
Season 2, episode 3: Corporeal Form.

**Doctor Who**


**Elementary (updated Sherlock Holmes TV show)**

*Lesser Evils* - On an “angel of death”.

Genetic Engineering Will Change Everything Forever – CRISPR [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAhjPd4uNFY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAhjPd4uNFY)

And a discussion on it. [http://www.biopoliticaltimes.org/article.php?id=9673](http://www.biopoliticaltimes.org/article.php?id=9673)

**Grey’s Anatomy**

Season 13, Episode 5: Both Sides Now.
When there is 1 liver and 2 patients, who should get a liver transplant? [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTQbi1mZ5XI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTQbi1mZ5XI)

Season 13, Episode 14: Back Where You Belong.
On making decisions for an incompetent patient and on a familial kidney transplant.

**Human Harvest: China’s Organ Trafficking.**

**JABBED: Love, Fear and Vaccines** - An Australian documentary on vaccines.

**Knocking** On the pbs program “Knocking” on Jehovah Witnesses

**Law and Order: SVU**

"Inconceivable" Season 9, Episode 14 - Concerns a stolen canister of frozen embryos. Shows some of the variety of reasons people might store embryos.

**Medical Mavericks**

**Monday Morning**

"Family Ties" Season 1, Episode 10 - This includes a story line about a morbidly obese teenage and reporting the grandmother for abuse and a son who doesn’t wish to honor his mother’s request for organ donation.
NCIS New Orleans
Broken Hearted. This session is about a heart becoming available for transplant and being stolen and implanted in another patient. Both patients ended up dying. [http://www.movienewsguide.com/ncis-new-orleans-recap-broken-hearted/115620](http://www.movienewsguide.com/ncis-new-orleans-recap-broken-hearted/115620)

NPR Frontline

PBS Frontline

PBS Frontline

Scandal—
Baby, It’s Cold Outside. This episode includes the lead character having an abortion. The accompanying music is Silent Night. [http://abc.go.com/shows/scandal/episode-guide/season-05/9-winter-finale-baby-its-cold-outside#recap](http://abc.go.com/shows/scandal/episode-guide/season-05/9-winter-finale-baby-its-cold-outside#recap)

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
"Life Support" Season 3, Episode 13 - Dr Bashir is asked to keep Vedek Bareil alive by replacing parts of his brain with implants.
"Hippocratic Oath" Season 4, Episode 4 - Dr Bashir and Chief O'Brien are captured by the Jem'Hadar. Dr Bashir is asked to help them break their addiction to a drug and Chief O'Brien objects to his attempts to help them.

Star Trek: The Next Generation
A society created enhanced soldiers and has problems with how they should be treated when the war is over. [http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0708801/](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0708801/)

Season 5, Episode 16 - Worf is injured and undergoes an experimental surgery.

Miscellaneous Web links on history, movies, media, and arts.
Conscience & Conscientious Objection
Experimenter. 2015. A movie on the Milgram experiments. [link]
A discussion: [link]
And [link]

Consent (including parental consent)
On showing an atrial fibrillation with catheter ablation on tv –is showing a live procedure a good idea?

An article on Henry Beecher and his effects on consent, research, reviews, etc. [link]

Development/ ADHD/ Autism
On a BBC program on ADD

Drugs/ Pharmacology/ Pharmacists
On a program on thalidomide. “how accurately should a fictional television drama based on real events report details of the events and the people involved, and, how far can artistic freedom go without hurting personal rights and feelings?”

A petition from Consumers Union on drug ads

Education/ Mentors/ Testing
On Mash

On TV medical dramas

Emergency Care/ Emergency Rooms/ Disasters/ Intensive Care
Should you resuscitate a patient who has a dnr after a suicide attempt? [link]

End-of-Life Care/ Dying/ Futility/ Palliative Sedation
A review of the video: The Terri Schiavo Story.

On the play “Who Lives”

Plastinated body exhibits have been banned in France.
(The link is in French but basically the court there has ruled that exposure of corpses for commercial purposes violates Civil Code)

Family/ Clans/ Tribes
On “The Baby Borrowers”

On children in reality TV

Are pediatricians parenting “experts”?

Genetics/ Testing/ Genetic Databases/ Biobanks
The Scientist on movies and genetics

Youtube Videos on children with trisomies:
This is a series of family photos of an 8-year-old with Trisomy 18. This was shown at the 2008 SOFT Conference. A series of photos of a number of infants with trisomy. This one is on Thomas Laux-- with trisomy 13. Genetic testing and data management summit
Here is the agenda and report

History of Medicine
The Royal Society of London is hosting a display of books on medicine in London

On Chimborazo, a civil war hospital in Richmond.

Historical Fiction
From BMJ on historical fiction

Infectious Disease/ Vaccinations/ Epidemics


Vaccinations From Penn and Teller

Media/ Informatics/ EMR's/ Internet
On filming patients without consent in New York http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20150815/NEWS/308159891

Psychiatric Issues
on mental illness and leadership

Reproduction/ Contraception/ Assisted Reproduction/ Abortion
No Mas Bebes: a new documentary on PBS about sterilization without consent.
http://www.pbs.org/independentlens(films/no-mas-bebes/)

Research
From BMJ on how research is portrayed in major media

**Is House pro-life?** Ok, I'm not sure I agree but see what you think

**On Donor Unknown and The Kids Are All Right**

on a British BBC program called Medical Mavericks.  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wrc4

**Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations**  
Human Harvest: China’s Organ Trafficking.  

on donating organs http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10709

**Snopes.com has an entry on transplants**
LISTSERV® News Archive

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March 19, 2017

News

Animals

Codes, Declarations, Organization statements
The San people of Africa have drafted a code of ethics for researchers http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/03/san-people-africa-draft-code-ethics-researchers?utm_campaign=news_weekly_2017-03-17&et_rid=79374059&et_cid=1222268

Communication / Relationships / Trust

Cosmetic Surgery

Development/ ADHD/ Autism
On the rise in the rate of autism https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-real-reasons-autism-rates-are-up-in-the-u-s/

End-of-Life Care/ Dying/ Futility / Palliative Sedation

Enhancement/ Modifications/ Regeneration/ Technology / Life Extension.
(See also: Star Trek Next Generation: The Hunted.)

On immortality and the changes it would bring https://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/a-quick-look-at-immortality/12195

On gene editing. Who chooses which traits are valuable? https://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/short-is-beautiful/12176

Should we die? https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2017/02/should-we-die/516357/

Euthanasia/Suicide/ Physician-Assisted Suicide/ Infanticide/ Locked in syndrome/ Minimally Conscious/ Persistent Vegetative State


Genetics: crispr


Health Policy & Healthcare Systems

Infectious Disease/ Vaccinations/ Epidemics

LGBT/ Intersex/ Transgender/ Gender Disorder
Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening
On full genome sequencing for newborns https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/full-genome-sequencing-for-newborns-raises-questions/

Nutrition/ Eating Disorders


Personhood/ Humanity/ Human Body

Psychiatric Issues
On repeating the Milgram experiment. https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/03/170314081558.htm

Reproduction/ Contraception/ Assisted Reproduction/ Abortion
On obtaining an abortion for fetal anomaly https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/i-had-an-abortion-to-save-my-baby-from-pain-in-my-state-that-didn-t-matter/2017/03/10/1b969f4e-fa1a-11e6-bf01-d47f8cf96643_story.html?utm_term=.3665f646ecba&wpisrc=nl_opinionsA&wpmm=1


Research

Social/Cultural Issues

Stem Cells/ Embryo Research/ Cord Blood / Chimeras / Clones

On the 14 day rule in embryo experiments http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/03/02/516280895/embryo-experiments-reveal-earliest-human-development-but-stir-ethical-debate

Terrorism/ Bioterrorism/ Violence

Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations


February 10, 2017

News

Access to Care


Drugs/ Pharmacology/ Pharmacists
On the right to try http://jewishworldreview.com/0117/skenazy011217.php3


Euthanasia/Suicide/ Physician-Assisted Suicide/ Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/ Persistent Vegetative State

Human Rights/Humanity
on the legal status and responsibility of robots. I think someone has been reading Asimov https://www.rt.com/viral/373450-robot-kill-switches-status/


Infectious Disease/ Vaccinations/ Epidemics


an editorial from NY Times on anti vaxxers https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/08/opinion/how-the-anti-vaxxers-are-winning.html?_r=2

LGBT/ Intersex/ Transgender/ Gender Disorder
From Hanne Odiele on having AIS https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/arts-and-entertainment/wp/2017/01/25/a-supermodel-reveals-she-is-intersex-was-subjected-to-traumatizing-and-unnecessary-surgeries/?utm_term=.f2ca3d5a9a9d&wpisrc=nl_evening&wpmm=1

Legal
On a legal case---the judge included an order for no sex outside marriage. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2017/02/06/this-judge-told-a-19-year-old-rapist-that-his-probation-would-include-no-sex-outside-of-marriage/?tid=pm_national_pop&utm_term=.94b15a8a55ee

Licensing and Certification

Media/ Informatics/ EMR's/ Internet
“doctor as data entry drone” http://www.bioethics.net/2016/12/physician-as-data-entry-drone/

Misconduct Concerns
On a stolen article

On scientific misconduct, anonymous reports, retaliation and court orders


Professionalism

Psychiatric Issues

Rationing/ Denial of Coverage/ QULY’s/ Allocation
Religion/ Spiritual Issues
On religious exemptions from hospital requirements for influenza vaccination

The Vatican has released guidelines for bioethical questions

Reproduction/ Contraception/ Assisted Reproduction/ Abortion
ART mistakes http://arstechnica.com/science/2016/12/wrong-rubber-apparatus-may-have-mixed-up-sperm-that-fertilized-26-eggs/

Research

Stem Cells/ Embryo Research/ Cord Blood / Chimeras / Clones

Technology /Social Media / EMR's

**Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations**


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December 13, 2016

Good morning everyone,

Whether you celebrate St Nicholas Day, Hanukkah, Rohatsu, St Lucia Day, St Stephan Day, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Bodi Day or Zarathosht Dlso, I hope it is a wonderful celebration for you. (Sorry if I left anyone out.).

I still have a number of journals to go through but I am sending you what I have.

Enjoy,

Brenda

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**News**

**Abuse & Neglect**


**Animals**

On animal rights and robots

[http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/11/28/if-animals-have-rights-should-robots](http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/11/28/if-animals-have-rights-should-robots)

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**Development/ ADHD/ Autism**
on preschools, required potty training and children with developmental disabilities


Diagnostics/ diagnosis

Disability/ Birth Defects/ Eugenics

Drugs/ Pharmacology/ Pharmacists


And


on research studies on drugs, the NIH and Niemann-Pick type C-1 http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/10/why-are-people-fighting-over-promising-treatment-fatal-childhood-disease?utm_campaign=news_daily_2016-10-07&et_rid=79374059&et_cid=872664


Economics/ financing /insurance /taxes


Family/ Clans/ Tribes
On a writer writing about her teenage sons.


She has previously written about her sons and suicide. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2016/02/10/i-have-to-learn-to-care-for-my-suicidal-teen-with-limits-but-without-fear/?tid=a_inl

Genetics/ Testing/ Genetic Databases/ Biobanks

On a family’s genetic testing http://news.doximity.com/entries/5275172?user_id=753461

Genetics: crispr

On the continuing CRISPR patent legal quagmire http://www.nature.com/news/titanic-clash-over-crispr-patents-turns-ugly-1.20631


Infectious Disease/ Vaccinations/ Epidemics


on families wanting their pediatricians to require vaccination of their patients
https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/parents-are-insisting-on-doctors-who-insist-on-vaccinations/2016/11/12/81c1a684-a202-11e6-8d63-3e0a660f1f04_story.html

Legal

On the wording of a law on child abuse and possible consequences http://mimesislaw.com/fault-lines/prosecutors-would-never-do-something-like-that/12818


Media/ Informatics/ EMR's/ Internet


Palliative Care/ Hospice/ Compassionate Care

An article on what it feels like to die http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2016/09/what-it-feels-like-to-die/499319/

Professionalism

Charges against 2 doctors and 4 nurses who suspected another nurse of killing patients and did not report him. http://www.bmj.com/content/355/bmj.i6507?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign_name=201612337&utm_source=etoc_daily

Radiology/Imaging

Reproduction/ Contraception/ Assisted Reproduction/ Abortion

On Poland's restrictive abortion policy

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/05/polish-government-performs-u-turn-on-total-abortion-ban?CMP=fb_qu


on the definition of infertility http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/19/single-men-will-get-the-right-to-start-a-family-under-new-defini/

on IVF for women over 40 http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/18/well/the-misleading-promise-of-ivf-for-women-over-40.html?_r=3

on “financial abortion” https://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/is-financial-abortion-an-idea-whose-time-has-come/12123

Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations

On regrets by a kidney donor https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/at-18-years-old-he-donated-a-kidney-now-he-regrets-it/2016/09/30/cc9407d8-5ff9-11e6-8e45-477372e89d78_story.html?wpisrc=nl_wemost-draw5&wpmm=1


On uterine transplants http://www.dallasnews.com/business/health-care/2016/10/05/four-women-dallas-received-uterustransplants-groundbreaking-surgical-trial

October 7, 2016

**News**

**Drugs/ Pharmacology/ Pharmacists**
On opioid use in states with medical marijuana


And

**Family/ Clans/ Tribes**
On a writer writing about her teenage sons.
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**Abuse & Neglect**

**Animals**


On testing blood for Zika http://www.bioethics.net/2016/08/testing-donated-blood-for-zika-politics-or-prudence/

**Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records**


**Conscience and Conscientious Objection**


**Disability/Birth Defects/Eugenics**


**Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists**


on medical cannabis and painkillers [http://www.nature.com/scientificamerican/journal/v315/n3/full/scientificamerican0916-10.html?WT.ec_id=SCIENTIFICAMERICAN-201609&spMallingID=52323165&spUserID=OTQwMDAyOTI4MQS2&spJobID=1002996628&spReportId=MTAwMjk5NyYyOAS2](http://www.nature.com/scientificamerican/journal/v315/n3/full/scientificamerican0916-10.html?WT.ec_id=SCIENTIFICAMERICAN-201609&spMallingID=52323165&spUserID=OTQwMDAyOTI4MQS2&spJobID=1002996628&spReportId=MTAwMjk5NyYyOAS2)


**Economics/ financing /insurance /taxes**


**End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility /Palliative Sedation**


**Environment**

**Euthanasia/Suicide/ Physician-Assisted Suicide/ Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/ Persistent Vegetative State**

**Family/Clans/Tribes**

**Genetics: crispr**
on germline editing and mitochondrial replacement therapies

**Infectious Disease/ Vaccinations/ Epidemics**

**LGBT/ Intersex/ Transgender/ Gender Disorder**

**Lab Tests**

**Legal**
On liability in suicide cases  

On the Duke whistleblower lawsuit  

**Licensing and Certification**

On Dr Sears  

**Misconduct Concerns**

On the Paolo Macchiarini case  

&  

**Oncology**

On the Oshin Kiszko case  

**Publications/ Authorship/ Retractions**

Thoughts on publication bias  
http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/bioethicist-alleges-publication-bias-at-nejm/11965

**Technology/Social Media /EMR’s**

on time spent on EHR’s.  

**Treatment & Non Treatment Decisions**

**Triage**

On triage—who goes first?  

Can you consent to a head transplant?  

August 4, 2016

**News**

**Abuse & Neglect**

On the Genie case  

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And

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Euthanasia/Suicide/ Physician-Assisted Suicide/ Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/ Persistent Vegetative State

Family/Clans/Tribes
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Patient overdoses with a legally obtained drug and ends up in hospital. Should the remainder of their medicine be returned when they leave the hospital?  https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/297801

On drugs behind the counter http://www.bioethics.net/2015/12/a-suggestion-to-make-prescription-medicine-behind-the-counter/

Duty/Virtues/”First Do No Harm”/Truth-telling
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Education/Mentors/Testing/Residency
On work hour restrictions https://www.doximity.com/doc_news/v2/entries/2619011

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility /Palliative Sedation

On article in Public Discourse on the Chris Dunn case http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2016/01/16211/

Ethics - General Philosophy, Ethical Codes, etc.
The ethics of moral outrage http://www.bioethics.net/2016/01/the-ethics-of-moral-outrage/?platform=hootsuite

Family/Clans/Tribes
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On pertussis in vaccinated children

On tuberculosis in rural Alabama

Legal
On the ethics of a child pornography sting

Licensing and Certification
A letter on maintenance of certification on sermo
https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/296250

Moral Outrage
On the ethics of moral outrage
http://www.bioethics.net/2016/01/the-ethics-of-moral-outrage/

Practice of Medicine/ Physician Health/ Moral Distress
On physician retirement

Reproduction/Contraception/Assisted Reproduction / Abortion
on enforcement of China's one child policy

on the history of artificial insemination

on surrogate parents in Italy

on the father of 800 children

Research
On a drug study in France

Stem Cells/ Embryo Research/ Cord Blood / Chimeras / Clones
On genetically editing human embryos
Terrorism/ Bioterrorism/ Violence

January 6, 2016

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Advance Directives & Advance Care Planning
interesting question. Is a tattooed DNR order valid? How about a DNR bracelet? #bioethics
https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/291329

Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records

On a digital pill. Is it an invasion of privacy?

On privacy violations at VA facilities http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2015/12/30/461400692/patient-privacy-isn-t-safeguarded-at-veterans-medical-facilities


Disability/Birth Defects/Eugenics

On ISIS and children with Down’s I looked for other sources but I wasn’t able to find other information.

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists


End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility /Palliative Sedation


This is a difficult story. I hope the depiction of the hospital is not accurate


Ethics - General Philosophy, Ethical Codes, etc.


Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks


And


Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics


Licensing and Certification


Technology/Social Media /EMR’s

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News

Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records


Development/ADD/Autism

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Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists

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Duty/Virtues/"First Do No Harm"/Truth-telling

An emr suspended for providing emergency care without a call  

Education/Mentors/Testing/Residency

On studies of length of work shifts for residents & impact on patients  
http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20151119/NEWS/151119854

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility /Palliative Sedation


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http://bigstory.ap.org/article/3b38e13f95554525be733b05723176c5/kevorkian-archive-opens-physician-assisted-deaths-rise

Ethics - Clinical, Committees & Consultations


Ethics - General Philosophy, Ethical Codes, etc.


Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks

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**Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics**


**Legal**


**Licensing and Certification**

On Nitschke and his license [http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/nitschke-tells-medical-board-to-go-to-blazes/11672]

**Neurology**


**Nutrition/Eating Disorders**


**Reproduction/Contraception/Assisted Reproduction / Abortion**


**Research**


**Sports/Orthopedics**

Thoughts on the NFL and concussions [http://www.bioethics.net/2015/11/do-we-need-more-paternalism-in-the-nfl-to-protect-players-from-themselves/]
Technology/Social Media /EMR’s


Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations


November 16, 2015

**News**

Consent (including parental consent)

On scheduling multiple surgeries at once. Do the patients understand this is happening? [http://www.physiciansweekly.com/mass-general-double-bookings/](http://www.physiciansweekly.com/mass-general-double-bookings/)


Decision Making/Uncertainty/Nudges

On instinctive thinking vs reasoned thinking [http://www.thehastingscenter.org/Bioethicsforum/Post.aspx?id=7635&blogid=140#ixzz3r2frOZHR](http://www.thehastingscenter.org/Bioethicsforum/Post.aspx?id=7635&blogid=140#ixzz3r2frOZHR)

Development/ADD/Autism


Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists


Duty/Virtues/"First Do No Harm"/Truth-telling


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**Economics/financing/insurance/taxes**


**End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation**


**Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology**

Should college students be allowed to take “smart drugs”? [http://intelligencesquaredus.org/debates/past-debates/item/1407-college-students-should-be-allowed-to-take-smart-drugs](http://intelligencesquaredus.org/debates/past-debates/item/1407-college-students-should-be-allowed-to-take-smart-drugs)

[https://reason.com/blog/2015/11/03/why-banning-smart-drugs-for-college-students/](https://reason.com/blog/2015/11/03/why-banning-smart-drugs-for-college-students/)


**Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State**


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**Family/Clans/Tribes**


**Legal**

A pregnant woman drives recklessly, crashes. Baby is born but dies of injuries. Is she guilty of manslaughter?


on the Nicolas Bonnemaison case


Misconduct Concerns

Did this nurse have a duty to report the conviction to the nursing board? http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article41871828.html

On the retraction of Dr Chandra’s article on decreased eczema with casein hydrolysate formula/ maternal restricted diet


http://www.bmj.com/content/351/bmj.h5683

Neonatology and Fetal Issues

Kelley French spoke at our h meeting at the NCE. Here are 3 articles about her daughter, Juniper.


Oncology

On Rory and Joey Feek and her decision to stop chemotherapy for cervical cancer


Reproduction/Contraception/Assisted Reproduction / Abortion


On "reversing an abortion". https://www.yahoo.com/parenting/can-this-procedure-reverse-an-abortion-160301731.html?soc_src=mail&soc_trk=ma

Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations

October 18, 2015

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Communication/Relationships/Trust


Conscience and Conscientious Objection

On a professor refusing to wear an FM transmitter for a hearing impaired student http://impactethics.ca/2015/09/29/when-rights-collide/

Consent (including parental consent)


Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists

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Euthanasia/Suicide/ Physician-Assisted Suicide/ Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/ Persistent Vegetative State


Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks


LGBT/ Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder

On university polices and genetic information http://www.bioethics.net/2015/10/expanding-notions-of-discrimination-genetic-information-competitive-sports/

Legal


**Nutrition/Eating Disorders**


**Pain**


**Placebos/Nocebo**


**Psychiatric Issues**


**Religion/ Spiritual Issues**

On religious hospitals and a “life saving medical procedure” [https://www.yahoo.com/parenting/catholic-hospital-under-fire-for-denying-194225836.html](https://www.yahoo.com/parenting/catholic-hospital-under-fire-for-denying-194225836.html)

**Research**


**Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations**


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**News**

**Abuse & Neglect**


**Altruism/Volunteerism/NGO/Service**
On responding to in-flight medical emergencies

Communication/Relationships/Trust


Community

On rare disorders, internet and informal communities of patients

Consent (including parental consent)

On patients who want a different course of therapy than physician recommendations
https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/280187

Development/ADD/Autism


Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists


On drug ads to patients

on medical marijuana costs http://www.startribune.com/some-minnesota-marijuana-patients-opting-to-buy-illegally/328419851/

Duty/Virtues/”First Do No Harm”/Truth-telling

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Euthanasia/Suicide/ Physician-Assisted Suicide/ Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/ Persistent Vegetative State


Misconduct Concerns


Oncology


Psychiatric Issues


Research

On the reproducibility of studies [http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/does-it-matter-if-experiments-cannot-be-replicated/11582](http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/does-it-matter-if-experiments-cannot-be-replicated/11582)

Does it matter if most researchers in an area of study are biased in one political direction? [http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/popping-the-bubble/11580](http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/popping-the-bubble/11580)


Research: responsible conduct of research


Screening Recommendations

Sports/Orthopedics


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Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations


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Abuse & Neglect

Communication/Relationships/Trust

Consent (including parental consent)

Development/ADD/Autism
“before autism had a name” http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2015/08/steve-silberman-neurotribes-autism/400346/

Economics/ financing /insurance /taxes

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility /Palliative Sedation
On hospice care  

**Enhancement/ Modifications/ Regeneration/ Technology**

On implanting a computer chip into a hand  

on a 3D printed sternum and rib cage  

**Ethics - General Philosophy, Ethical Codes, etc.**

On bioethics and utilitarian ethics  
http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/interview-daniel-robinson-on-bioethics-and-utilitarianism/11560

**Euthanasia/Suicide/ Physician-Assisted Suicide/ Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/ Persistent Vegetative State**

is systematic starvation suicide when done for religious reasons?  
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http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/the-atheist-case-against-euthanasia/11565

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on guidelines for Canadian physicians  

**Family/Clans/Tribes**

On parents and children conceived as part of commercial surrogacy arrangements  

**Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks**

On “redesigning life from scratch”  
http://www.mercurynews.com/science/ci_28608185/designing-life-from-scratch-fledgling-field-is-about

On editing genomes  

**Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics**

On delaying vaccines  
http://www.vox.com/2015/9/16/9342687/trump-carson-vaccine

On iron lungs  
http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonkblog/wp/2015/05/04/a-horrifying-reminder-of-what-life-without-vaccines-was-really-like/


LGBT/ Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder
On a child with a missed diagnosis of 21OH congenital adrenal hyperplasia https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/278662


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On chemical castration for convicted sex offenders http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/should-sex-offenders-be-chemically-castrated/11553

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On filming patients without consent in New York http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20150815/NEWS/308159891

Misconduct Concerns
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Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening

Psychiatric Issues
On psychology research http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/nearly-2-3-of-psychology-papers-cannot-be-trusted/11554


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**Religion/ Spiritual Issues**
On hospitals and religious restrictions: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/catholic-hospital-tubal-ligation_55dca1e4e4b08cd3359d6f37](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/catholic-hospital-tubal-ligation_55dca1e4e4b08cd3359d6f37)

**Reproduction/Contraception/Assisted Reproduction / Abortion**


**Sports/Orthopedics**

**Stem Cells/ Embryo Research/ Cord Blood / Chimeras / Clones**


**Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations**

How many transplanted hearts should one child receive?

On unruly teens and organ transplants

August 22, 2015

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Animals
End of life care for animals

Communication/Relationships/Trust
On communicating about guns
http://www.medpagetoday.com/PublicHealthPolicy/HealthPolicy/52939?xid=nl_mpt_DHE_2015-08-06&eun=g340715d0r

Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records
On insurers' care summaries

Consent (including parental consent)
On refusing care

Decision Making/Uncertainty/Nudges
Thoughts from a gynecologist concerned about the refusal of indicated testing
https://app.sermo.com/posts/posts/272688

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On autism screening in asymptomatic children
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http://aeon.co/magazine/philosophy/how-often-do-ethics-professors-call-their-mothers/

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation
on end of life care for patients who have no family

Enhancement/ Modifications/ Regeneration/ Technology
If it becomes safe to genetically increase babies' IQ, will it be inevitable?  

On changing skin cells into neurons  

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Thoughts on bioethics  
http://www.hoover.org/research/limits-bioethics

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks  
On patients and lab tests  

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http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/latest-columns/20150707-steven-abrams-pediatricians-are-right-to-protect-patients-against-the-unvaccinated.ece

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http://time.com/3982723/changing-minds-vaccines/

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LGBT/ Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder  
On gender reassignment surgery  

Legal  
A wrongful birth case  

Neonatology and Fetal Issues  
A different view of breastfeeding  
http://time.com/3983936/world-breastfeeding-week-2/

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On prenatal tests and cancer detection  

On chemotherapy in end of life  
http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/24/health/chemotherapy-may-worsen-end-of-life-quality-study-finds.html?_r=0

Reproduction/Contraception/Assisted Reproduction / Abortion
How much testing should be done prior to assisted reproduction? [http://www.buzzfeed.com/azeenghorayshi/more-perfect-babies](http://www.buzzfeed.com/azeenghorayshi/more-perfect-babies)


**Screening Recommendations**


**Technology/Social Media /EMR's**


**Terrorism/ Bioterrorism/ Violence**


**Transplants/ Transfusions/ Tissue Donations**


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**News**

**Animals**


**Conflict of Interests**
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On the California Medical Association and doctor assisted suicide  http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/20/us-usa-assistedsuicide-california-idUSKBN0O52TI20150520


**Hematology & Blood Donations**
On a case of vitamin k refusal  http://www.physiciansbriefing.com/Article.asp?AID=700869

**Identity/Consciousness**

**Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics**


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http://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom/2015NewsReleases/15119WAMeaslesRelatedDeath
http://www.npr.org/2015/07/06/420594973/first-measles-death-in-12-years-renews-vaccination-concerns

**LGBT/ Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder**

**Media/Informatics/EMR’s/Internet**
On accountability of physicians for what they say on media

Misconduct Concerns
On a recording of a procedure http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/anesthesiologist-trashes-sedated-patient-jury-orders-her-to-pay-500000/2015/06/23/cae05c00-18f3-11e5-ab92-c75ae6ab94b5_story.html?tid=sm_fb

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Reproduction/Contraception/Assisted Reproduction / Abortion


Stem Cells/ Embryo Research/ Cord Blood / Chimeras / Clones

Technology/Social Media /EMR’s
On brain implants, bionic limbs and combat exoskeletons http://www.nature.com/news/the-pentagon-s-gamble-on-brain-implants-bionic-limbs-and-combat-exoskeletons-1.17726

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Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
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http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/do-the-dying-have-the-right-to-experimental-drugs/article24377706/

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**End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility /Palliative Sedation**

**Euthanasia/Suicide/ Physician-Assisted Suicide/ Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/ Persistent Vegetative State**

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**Family/Clans/Tribes**

**Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks**

**Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics**


**Legal**

**Medical Tourism/Travel**

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**Oncology**
On importing a Cuban cancer vaccine to the US.  

On the cost and use of melanoma treatment  


**Psychiatric Issues**
On ECT [https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/inspectrum/201505/shocking-pseudoscience](https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/inspectrum/201505/shocking-pseudoscience)

**Public Health/ Bioterrorism and Biopiracy/ Violence/ Disasters**

**Rationing/Denial of Coverage/ QULY's/ Allocation**

**Reproduction/Contraception/Assisted Reproduction / Abortion**


**Research**

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December 24, 2014
Hello everyone,
I hope all of you are having a wonderful time celebrating your holidays.

I went looking for various holidays for this time of year. (I was curious) So I hope you have had a Happy Thanksgiving, All Saints Day, Nativity Fast, St Nicholas Day, St Lucia Day, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hanukkah, Pancha Ganapati, Guy Fawkes Night, Bodhi Day, Las Posadas …… And will have a Merry Christmas, St Stephen’s Day, Boxing Day, Kwanzaa, Happy New Year, Chinese New Year…… (there are more)

Here is some information for you when you have a minute not related to all the holidays.  I have not taken the time to proofread and rewrite references but all the information should be here for you to find the links.
Thank you everyone,
Brenda

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The UK Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has barred doctors and nurses from qualifications if they refuse to prescribe or administer contraceptives to patients.
http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10945

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists

On the use of ADHD meds in college students http://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/one-five-ivy-leaguers-has-used-prescription-stimulants-study-suggests-n95111

Education/Mentors/Testing


Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State

On Belgian child euthanasia http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10937

Family/Clans/Tribes

On the Jason Patric and Danielle Schreiber custody case http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/04/fashion/Jason-Patric-Does-Sperm-Donor-Mean-Dad-parental-rights.html?ref=health&assetType=nyt_now

And
http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/thr-esq/jason-patric-allowed-seek-legal-704126

An Ohio case forbidding a father from having more children until he pays the child support he owes http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2014/05/15/ohio-appeals-court-tells-man-he-cant-have-more-kids-until-he-pays-for-the-ones-hes-got/?wpisrc=nl_headlines

Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics


On smallpox [http://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/39875/title/Researchers--Don't-Destroy-Smallpox-Virus-Yet/]


Legal


on the Jeffrey Kace case http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/03/09/jury-awards-million-death-year-old-man-whose-heart-ailment-was-misdiagnosed/LzW5fJCj97ZDL8hZOri7L/story.html

Neurology
On memory alteration http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10953

Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening
On storing neonatal blood samples in Minnesota http://www.nature.com/news/minnesota-to-resume-storing-newborn-blood-samples-1.15161

Oncology

Quality of Care/Peer Review/Comparative Effectiveness
On quality of various programs http://news.doximity.com/entries/1440594?_ref=email&account_id=205697

Rationing/Denial of Coverage/QULY’s/Allocation

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments
Research
On a patient with Crohn’s disease and freezing her eggs http://www.bmj.com/content/348/bmj.q2847?etoc=

On the University of Utah IVF paternity case http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10950

On the Joel Legendre case in Canada http://www.mercatornet.com/articles/view/surrogate_motherhood_creates_an_ethical_minefield

Research: responsible conduct of research

Screening Recommendations

On false positive mammograms and anxiety http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/lasci-sn-mammogram-false-positive-anxiety-20140421,0,6314240.story

Social/Cultural Issues

On murders of health workers who are vaccinating http://www.cmaj.ca/content/early/2014/04/22/cmaj.109-4776

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations


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News
Abuse & Neglect

On a mother convicted of killing her infant by overdose of morphine in breast milk http://nypost.com/2014/04/05/woman-gets-20-years-in-breast-feeding-overdose/

Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records


Decision Making/Uncertainty/Nudges

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists


End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation


Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State


On euthanasia in Belgium [http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10922]

Gynecology


Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics


Dear Prudence is commenting on anti-vaxxer’s [http://www.slate.com/articles/life/dear_prudence/2014/04/dear_prudence_my_wealthy_biological_father_s_will_barely_mentions_me.html]
Jenny McCarthy says she isn’t anti vaccine http://www.suntasimes.com/news/otherviews/26784527-452/jenmccarthy-the-gray-area-on-vaccines.html#.U0wk588U_c

And Phil Plait’s response http://www.slate.com/blogs/bad_astronomy/2014/04/13/jenny_mccarthy_responds_to_claims_she_s_not_antivax.html

And on that interview with Jeffrey Kluger http://time.com/60416/jenny-mccarthy-anti-vaccine-whitewash/


Legal

On mass dna tests to find a rapist at a French school. Real consent is not possible if refusal means you are viewed as a suspect http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/10764822/Hundreds-of-French-students-and-teachers-DNA-tested-to-find-rapist.html

On the California push to change the law on malpractice http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304418404579463281733109104?mg=reno64-wsj

Media/Informatics/EMR's/Internet


Misconduct Concerns


Practice of Medicine/Physician Health

On “burnt out primary care docs” http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2014/April/01/doctor-burnout.aspx
Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments

On an Italian case of implanting the wrong embryos in IVF

Research

On research by the EPA http://washingtonexaminer.com/article/2546961

Social/Cultural Issues

On the ethics of shame http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10914

Stem Cells/Embryo Research/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones

On cloning dogs http://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/britains-first-cloned-dog-born-3390735

On embryos cloned from adults

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations

I missed this one earlier on the Knights Templar cartel and organ trafficking

March 29, 2014

News

Adolescents

A different view of sex ed “Boys need lessons in basic ethics and moral reasoning about sex (for example, not taking advantage of intoxicated dates), while girls must learn to distinguish sexual compliance from popularity” http://time.com/23054/camille-paglia-put-the-sex-back-in-sex-ed/
Communication/Relationships


Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records

On a mother who doesn’t want the father of her baby in the delivery room http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/pregnant_mom_who_doesnt_want_dad_in_the_delivery_room_makes_the_rules_judge/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=daily_rss

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists


And http://news.fredericksburg.com/newsdesk/2014/03/15/josh-hardys-heartbreaking-story-ignited-media-firestorm/


End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation


Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State

On advising people to kill themselves http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10900

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks

Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics


Misconduct Concerns


Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening


Nutrition/Eating Disorders


on the ethics of policing obesity/ restricting sugar sweetened beverages

[http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/03/140319143738.htm](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/03/140319143738.htm)

Practice of Medicine/Physician Health


Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments


What should be done with stillborn babies [http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10909](http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10909)


Social/Cultural Issues


Stem Cells/Embryo Research/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones


Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations


On a Lebanese mayor and organ trafficking [http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/12/world/europe/spain-lebanon-mayor-organ-allegations/]

March 10, 2014

News
Abuse & Neglect

I am not sure where this actually belongs but here is more on the Justina Pelletier case [http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/03/03/justina-pelletier-mitochondrial-massachusetts-family/]


Complementary & Alternative Medicine


Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records


On video in hospitals [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/17/opinion/a-watchful-eye-in-hospitals.html?_r=0]

Conscience and Conscientious Objection

On conscientious objection to “patriarchal norms” [http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10874]

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists


Duty/Virtues/”First Do No Harm”/Truth-telling

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes

“once you can bill for something, someone can start requiring it, measuring it, and regulating it. Once you can bill for something, it … usually ends up on an ever-increasing pile of quality measures. Once it be becomes a quality measure, it starts getting tied to performance reviews, rewards and penalties, and yes, money. “

Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State


Family/Clans/Tribes

On selling fear to parents http://www.slate.com/articles/life/family/2014/02/mimo_and_other_smart_baby_monitors_don_t_protect_from_sids_so_what_are_they.html

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks

On the genome of Richard III. Who should decide whether it should be done? http://www.foxnews.com/science/2014/02/26/richard-iii-dna-test-sparks-controversy/

Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics

On inadequately sterilized neurosurgical instruments http://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/basic-precautions-would-have-stopped-brain-disease-exposure-n27901

On a law in Chile banning the use of thimerosal in vaccines. http://www.bmj.com/content/348/bmj.g1355?etoc= 

Legal

On the Yourshaw/Mancini case http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/02/12/275913772/judge-dismisses-assisted-suicide-case-against-pennsylvania-nurse

Misconduct Concerns

Hwang Woo-suk has gained a patent for stem cell line thought to be involved in 2 retracted Science papers. http://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view%2FarticleNo%2F39187%2Ftitle%2FPatent-Granted-for-Fraudulent-Science%2F


on World War II, research and the Japanese army


Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening

On pgd for avoiding BRCA mutations http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304703804579379211430859016

Patient Ethics/Responsibility


Professionalism

Psychiatric Issues


Quality of Care/Peer Review/Comparative Effectiveness


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On the long term safety of ivf


on after-birth abortion


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Lab Tests

On patients and direct access to lab results [http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303442704579360901817015152](http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303442704579360901817015152)


Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening

Oncology


Palliative Care/Hospice/Compassionate Care


Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments

On a mentally ill woman in Britain http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/10611575/Judge-orders-mentally-ill-woman-to-have-forced-caesarean.html

Blood/Chimeras/Clones

On stem cell lines http://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/39110/title/Stem-Cell-Lines-Not-Fit-for-Clinic/

Technology/Social Media /EMR’s


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On profiling patients http://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2014/02/victim-patient-profiling.html

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On palliative care doctors and “friendly fire” http://www.medpagetoday.com/HospitalBasedMedicine/Intensivists/44134?xid=nl_mpt_guptaguide_2014-02-04&utm_source=guptaguide&utm_medium=email&utm_content=mpt&utm_campaign=02042014&userid=340715&email=g5334551d10r@email=bjmears@arboroaks.com&mu_id=5334551

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Technology/Social Media /EMR’s

January 30, 2014
News
Circumcision
On banning circumcision in Scandinavia http://clrforum.org/2014/01/30/banning-circumcision-in-scandinavia/

Communication/Relationships
On the need of patients to be heard


Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists

On unproven drugs and patients


On Lemrada/alemtuzumab

http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702305862704579413403405913292

on follow up choices after giving life extending care


Economics/financing/insurance/taxes

On medibid and bidding for patients

http://money.cnn.com/2014/01/09/pf/insurance/medibid/?utm_source=Copy+of+Copy+of+Copy+of+1.7.14&utm_campaign=11713&utm_medium=email

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters

Edwin Leap on Medicaid and emergency care

http://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2014/01/toxicity-medicaid.html

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation

On the Marlise Munoz case


On a lawsuit about the Marlise Munoz case


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Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State

On euthanasia in Belgium https://www.vocativ.com/01-2014/killing-softly/

Family/Clans/Tribes


Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics

On growing up unvaccinated http://www.slate.com/articles/life/family/2014/01/growing_up_unvaccinated_a_healthy_lifestyle_couldn_t_prevent_many_childhood.html

And on having pertussis http://www.newrepublic.com/article/115551/jenny-mccarthy-anti-vaccination-movement-blame-whooping-cough

On anti-vaccination and outbreaks http://www.latimes.com/business/hiltzik/la-fi-mh-antivaccination-movement-20140120,0,5576371.story#axzz2r3sSShRW

Legal

On California, tort reform, incident reports and drug testing physicians http://blog.medicaljustice.com/thanks-filing-incident-report-now-pee-cup/?inf_contact_key=9b308aa3727439a4a4b79162094f936536d2075b44378a194d14e1f89db27cea

On a patient right to be consulted before a do not attempt resuscitation note is put in notes http://www.bmj.com/content/348/bmj.g1163?etoc=
Nutrition/Eating Disorders


Practice of Medicine/Physician Health


Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments


Social/Cultural Issues


Technology/Social Media /EMR’s

On Dr Phil’s telemedicine start up –doctor on demand. http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2013-12-10/dr-dot-phil-backed-startup-launches-online-medical-exams

http://www.foxbusiness.com/technology/2013/12/12/new-app-lets-get-instant-healthcare-through-your-smartphone/

on online care

Teladoc, First Stop Health, and Apogee Doctor On Call,
Terrorism/Bioterrorism/Violence/etc.

On targeting of doctors by police in Kiev  http://www.bmj.com/content/348/bmj.g1169?etoc=

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations

On 9 women in Sweden who received transplanted wombs

http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/swedish-doctors-transplant-wombs-women-21510115

on paying for organ donation  http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304149404579322560004817176

January 8, 2014
Hello everybody,

This month’s Virtual Mentor is on assisted reproductive technology.  http://virtualmentor.ama-assn.org/2014/01/toc-1401.html

I hope to have a web site update available soon.

Enjoy this until then.

Thanks,
Brenda

News
Access to Care

“New Turkish law forbids medical treatment of injured protesters without state permission”  http://www.bmj.com/content/348/bmj.g82?etoc=


“should exceptional people receive exceptional medical treatment”  http://blog.practicaethics.ox.ac.uk/2013/12/should-exceptional-people-receive-exceptional-medical-treatment/
Codes & Declarations


Decision Making/Uncertainty/Nudges

On parent doctor disagreement  http://www.bioethics.net/2013/12/when-parents-disagree-with-the-doctor/

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation

There are many articles available on Jahi McMath.  http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-in-jahi-mcmath-time-limited-20140107-0.5429201.story#axzz2piqQnqVL

on anti aging http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/01/opinion/sunday/on-dying-after-your-time.html?_r=1&

Legal

On the Finley Boyle case  http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/01/03/finley-boyle_n_4538623.html

Medical Error

Should you report a medical error by a colleague?


Misconduct Concerns

In Great Britain there is some discussion on relationships with patients, family members of patients and how long investigations can continue.

http://www.bmj.com/content/347/bmj.f7425?etoc
http://www.bmj.com/content/347/bmj.f7421?etoc=


and the Edouard Yaacoub case –what should happen when there is an error by a medical board/ untruths by patients? http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2478263/GP-hits-GMC-ruining-life-struck-false-sexual-assault.html

Public Health/Bioterrorism and Biopiracy/Violence/Disasters


Publications/Authorship/Retractions

On withdrawing a publication without consent of the author http://www.nature.com/news/study-linking-gm-­maize-to-rat-tumours-is-retracted-1.14268

Religion/Spiritual Issues

on religion and therapies http://www.bioethics.net/2013/12/when-religion-trumps-medicine/

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments

On the Marlise Munoz case http://www.star-telegram.com/2014/01/05/5461612/husband-says-texas-law-shouldnt.html?rh=1


Technology/Social Media /EMR's

Should doctors google their patients? http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/01/06/when-doctors-google-their-patients-2/?_r=0

Section on Bioethics: Literature and Other Information

December 11, 2013
Hello everyone,
Harold Braswell sent us this link—http://bio-politics.org/on mental illness and leadership.

The December issue of Virtual Mentor is on end of life care. The November issue is on patient consumerism.

I have a number of book references to add yet but I thought you might enjoy what I have so far.

So have a happy holiday whether you are celebrating any or all of Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, St Lucia Day, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year’s or any others.

Brenda

**News**

A Piece of My Mind” & Other Story Type Articles


And


Abuse & Neglect


And

http://www.bmj.com/content/347/bmj.f7272?etoc=

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology

On 3D printing and living tissue http://www.dezeen.com/2013/11/14/circumventive-organs-by-agatha-haines/

On Daniel Callahan’s op ed “on dying after your time”

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/01/opinion/sunday/on-dying-after-your-time.html?_r=0

And

http://www.thehastingscenter.org/?utm_source=mktg20131203+-+Bioethics%26%2326+the+Public+Interest&utm_campaign=mktg20131008&utm_medium=email
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Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks


Health Policy & Healthcare Systems


Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics


Licensing and Certification


Publications/Authorship/Retractions

Should bioethics publications be anonymous [http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10794](http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10794)

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments


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**News**

**Advance Directives**

On the limits of advance directives surrogate decision makers and expressed wishes
http://blog.practiceethics.ox.ac.uk/2013/10/can-a-person-in-a-vegetative-state-get-married/

**Codes & Declarations**


**Communication/Relationships**


**Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations**

On bone marrow donors and payments
http://www.medpagetoday.com/HematologyOncology/Hematology/43270?utm_source=Copy+of+Copy+of+Copy+of+12.3.13&utm_campaign=11713&utm_medium=email


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Epigenetics


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Evidence Based Medicine

Health Care Disparities/Access to Health Care

Should doctors be required to accept Medicare and Medicaid? (this blog is one I have not seen before—I cannot find any more traditional news sources for this) http://masonconservative.typepad.com/the_mason_conservative/2013/11/virginia-democrat-calls-for-forcing-doctors-to-accept-medicare-and-medicaid-patients.html

Legal


Neonatology and Fetal Issues

On anencephaly and abortion http://www.mercatornet.com/articles/view/profound_wonder_not_fear_is_the_way_to_welcome_babies_with_fatal_conditions

Neurology

On privacy and our thoughts http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/sunday-commentary/20131018-watch-what-you-think--because-others-can-too.eva?nclick_check=1

Nutrition/Eating Disorders


Oncology
On cancer screenings and overtreatment


A blog post on the Sarah Hershberger case

If there is a shortage of vital chemotherapy meds who should receive priority in treatment? A child? An adult whose family depends on him? A single mother?
http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/10/when-there-are-chemotherapy-shortages-rationing-is-up-to-doctors/280624/

Professionalism

The report from the Institute on Medicine as a Profession on health professionals and detainees.

Ethics Abandoned: Medical Professionalism and Detainee Abuse in the War on Terror

Psychiatric Issues

On ketamine and lanicemine in depression
http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn24409-ketaminelike-drug-lifts-depression-without-the-trip.html?cmpid=RSS%7CNSNS%7C2012-GLOBAL%7Conline-news#.UoEHTx7nZD9

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments

“rights of fetus versus mother”

On 3 parent IVF

Research: responsible conduct of research

Thoughts on the Bucharest Early Intervention Project
http://www.thehastingscenter.org/Bioethicsforum/Post.aspx?id=6581&blogid=140

And
http://www.thehastingscenter.org/Bioethicsforum/Post.aspx?id=6602&blogid=140
Stem Cells/Embryo Research/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones

A petition in Europe: “EU should establish a ban and end the financing of activities which presuppose the destruction of human embryos, in particular in the areas of research, development aid and public health”

Technology/Social Media

on checking on patients on social media http://www.nbcnews.com/health/your-doctor-spying-your-tweets-social-media-raises-medical-privacy-8C11427782

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations


On a study on paying kidney donors. (this article does not appear to be available yet.)
http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/10/131024182424.htm


October 18, 2013

Hello everyone,

This is just a short update for you to see prior to our upcoming meeting. I hope to see many of you Orlando soon

News
Access to Care

Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records

On Marilyn Monroe’s records [https://socialreader.com/me/content/lIq0g?chid=80412&utm_content=win20131009-1155&utm_medium=email&utm_source=toppicks&utm_campaign=cl20131009&email=bjmears%40arboroaks.com](https://socialreader.com/me/content/lIq0g?chid=80412&utm_content=win20131009-1155&utm_medium=email&utm_source=toppicks&utm_campaign=cl20131009&email=bjmears%40arboroaks.com)

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists

On drug companies and the fda [http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC6r8n7QP8FCV6Q3_55NmBU7NSSGuws2U13sayqLBVaEY34YF4JdakR2dziwDmIXrAVI19dengoDxiiwBSzzRbkL8he-QR5-b2mMwENICLI0mgHEM6e7bLoJ2aMz8dq9OlyFA39Y6z_cvgXPJrtuXuV3z](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC6r8n7QP8FCV6Q3_55NmBU7NSSGuws2U13sayqLBVaEY34YF4JdakR2dziwDmIXrAVI19dengoDxiiwBSzzRbkL8he-QR5-b2mMwENICLI0mgHEM6e7bLoJ2aMz8dq9OlyFA39Y6z_cvgXPJrtuXuV3z)

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology

On the Kade Hanegraaf case

[http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GeS_t&m=J9nh5q7oE85jSH&b=mki3A0jeKQgqXLDUJ49Bmw](http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GeS_t&m=J9nh5q7oE85jSH&b=mki3A0jeKQgqXLDUJ49Bmw)

[http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GeS_t&m=J9nh5q7oE85jSH&b=O_bYqJqJgF_Pa7qCqUccA](http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GeS_t&m=J9nh5q7oE85jSH&b=O_bYqJqJgF_Pa7qCqUccA)

[http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GeS_t&m=J9nh5q7oE85jSH&b=ru4XnWN.YILPeQwpYZ9JFQ](http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GeS_t&m=J9nh5q7oE85jSH&b=ru4XnWN.YILPeQwpYZ9JFQ)

Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State

Should prisoners by allowed euthanasia?

[http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GeS_t&m=J9nh5q7oE85jSH&b=ky38DMWqIKhrFZUUPfUFw](http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GeS_t&m=J9nh5q7oE85jSH&b=ky38DMWqIKhrFZUUPfUFw)

Family/Clans/Tribes

On more than 2 parents [http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-brown-bills-parents-20131005,0,7226241.story](http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-brown-bills-parents-20131005,0,7226241.story)


Gene Therapy

On altering eggs to fix genetic disorders

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC6Mo4V9SaWCNRLzpy4Hf7b2ePDAbI0pf_08ILGoEH2knGqQfi81D7k5ccamKMUWAPL9F9Ceop_2dpZ0hxcVF](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC6Mo4V9SaWCNRLzpy4Hf7b2ePDAbI0pf_08ILGoEH2knGqQfi81D7k5ccamKMUWAPL9F9Ceop_2dpZ0hxcVF)

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder

On a case in Belgium https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn_tnmn

Medical Tourism

On medical tourism
http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC5ZzmTJxu_r3MPLUSIGPtdyPt157uwQ03OZ9h2LbB9GFNCdmyvOksu6a2JGavPDrOnVB7uK9GZAV4o5k5AeiHoae6nEB6FXo-cgQOTxT3cMopcdBOBhX3M4g6m_UOTH761FI8KJRNXIfKFS3LCU5ISdOQ_UW9pVqfRwCPOoq5MF17oR76-5yx664bcbODxYNbdZ0xODonuvPav2f_ru6

Misconduct Concerns

Historical: on Gerhard Hansen and leprosy http://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/37619/title/The-Leprosy-Bacillus--circa-1873/

Neurology


Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening

On testing fetal genetic fragments in mother’s blood. http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC6GOFFKLqw-w192CqDxGSDuXY_7EHV5Pbw-9wP5byYTFGrYD97DrxPA9u60IAwifXW1QkowXUL5e4X2EdP0HUS-jZEFFBXRBF16KZUJ5hV1-e3JJFUubRSVMsWpSDnIMKwM7nRR-nwruUQQ-3C-ZMxHe-AXUCIS-8M8b23wvhgy_AYnxv cof1Q54fWdgh7HIGNQ7IVEUY

Principles - Autonomy, Beneficence, Nonmaleficence, Justice

If a parent refuses medical care, how far is an adult child required to go to obtain care? http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/10698#comments
Public Health/Bioterrorism and Biopiracy/Violence/Disasters


Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments


On surrogacy in Illinois [http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC4SQubGNZQ-hjGSAITFRD5BScdpH0O4NDV6vCd-PZwQD707A7A4oa3ZQjSqQ4_nvHRIFx3xtCzvh_8W-U3Q_FqQPpHH2Dk90G8E5URdU8Q6NQTvVvbx-XbQVLmJ8Z3PsqedxXVgOpI_hDQqMuJKkm-KzbYNNPRGleRbAOplRqDZYqvIGPR577azb_C4VG4LJ3qWJ-w6tnYCDfYf7r7CzK14WAcK3JG78UYqgyEE_Z6lzqGDxvWDSilSSaco3BMSVhKv-5qfseauF=PuT](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC4SQubGNZQ-hjGSAITFRD5BScdpH0O4NDV6vCd-PZwQD707A7A4oa3ZQjSqQ4_nvHRIFx3xtCzvh_8W-U3Q_FqQPpHH2Dk90G8E5URdU8Q6NQTvVvbx-XbQVLmJ8Z3PsqedxXVgOpI_hDQqMuJKkm-KzbYNNPRGleRbAOplRqDZYqvIGPR577azb_C4VG4LJ3qWJ-w6tnYCDfYf7r7CzK14WAcK3JG78UYqgyEE_Z6lzqGDxvWDSilSSaco3BMSVhKv-5qfseauF=PuT)


Research

On nih trials

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC4lymdMG9p9NR7b_CFcoOAACZbRoAp9ukV-3b1jFF2lnGGVlM1YW9M16H5ldB3KqU3Keruj5Glo-0Zainz90K0jys-9eECThYCY6c6bOY5l6vY0B6W6s1yngzUFEFzXCy1aFX4uurQozyNipXwGWAN5Nh4myw=vw0G4psK2RhLjINUxBoNVY Nxssz2GlvKGN9ChAnzdH87XwvM0_ygM1dqUDc3mSWI4dEgY1YDXBmFEKlDexXNRQTGsg2Ko1xVozQjne8Rj-6eULDrSaSmYYoSTa](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001Tlh3sIIYjC4lymdMG9p9NR7b_CFcoOAACZbRoAp9ukV-3b1jFF2lnGGVlM1YW9M16H5ldB3KqU3Keruj5Glo-0Zainz90K0jys-9eECThYCY6c6bOY5l6vY0B6W6s1yngzUFEFzXCy1aFX4uurQozyNipXwGWAN5Nh4myw=vw0G4psK2RhLjINUxBoNVY Nxssz2GlvKGN9ChAnzdH87XwvM0_ygM1dqUDc3mSWI4dEgY1YDXBmFEKlDexXNRQTGsg2Ko1xVozQjne8Rj-6eULDrSaSmYYoSTa)
October 1, 2013

Hi all,

The web update is posted. You may want to take a look.

I am in the process of adding some older articles from other sections to the AAP Grand Rounds section. You will find some of them below.

The September issue of Virtual Mentor is on Motherhood and Medicine. The October issue is on Mental Health and the Law.

I hope to see many of you in Orlando soon.

Thanks everyone,
Brenda

News
Economics/financing/insurance/taxes


Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology


Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State


Family/Clans/Tribes
on families faking disabilities to go to the front of the line at Disney parks
http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304213904579095393810419548.html?mod=djemEditorialPage_h

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks

On requiring genetic counseling prior to paying for genetic tests http://www.bionews.org.uk/page_336674.asp

Legal

on a lawsuit concerning an article published in American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology in 2008. I have been unable to link to the article in National Law Journal.
http://overlawyered.com/2013/09/publish-article-undermines-lawsuits-see-court/

Medical Error


Practice of Medicine/Physician Health

Does a team based delivery model help burnout?

Social/Cultural Issues

On reanimating mammoths
September 19, 2013

**Communication/Relationships**
On using skype for treating patients

**Conflict of Interests**
On consumer protection laws and physicians

**Consent (including parental consent)**
On consent in innovative therapies

**Development/ADD/Autism**
on the David Swanson case

**Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists**
On drug testing mothers
On a prescription drug rewards program

**Economics/Financing/Insurance/Taxes**
On charging smokers more for insurance

**Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology**
On a service dog and a teacher's allergies
On Kant and extended life
On 3d printing

**Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State**
On euthanasia organ donors
On the economics of euthanasia

**Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks**
On the right to genetic ignorance

**Gifts/Sponsorships**
On providing tablets rather than handouts at meetings

**Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics**
On vaccine myths

**Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder**
On a third gender in Germany

**Misconduct Concerns**
On plagiarizing a medical guide to produce a smartphone app
On a case in Texas
On manipulating data in a rheumatoid arthritis trial
On consent forms for a golden rice study

Neurology
So how much, of what kind of tissue makes a human?

Oncology
On prophylactic treatments when there is little evidence of benefit

Professionalism
Thoughts on the Tiburt article and the Emanuel and Steinmetz editorial
http://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2013/08/ezekiel-emanuel-opinion-physicians.html
http://onhealthtech.blogspot.com/2013/08/the-contrived-march-to-scarcity-in.html

Psychiatric Issues
On implanting false memories

Publications/Authorship/Retractions
On tips about publication problems

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments
On posthumous reproduction

Research
On the Indian HPV research project

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On transplants for undocumented immigrants
On organ donations from euthanized patients
On falsifying information to move patients higher on donor lists
On transplants in China
On discarding a kidney in error

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Access to Care
On access to school nurses and giving insulin

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Consent (including parental consent)
On the family of Henrietta Lacks
On Henrietta Lacks and HELA
More on Henrietta Lacks genetic destiny

Decision Making/Uncertainty
“decision making for seriously compromised newborns”

Development/ADD/Autism
On anorexia and autism
On a drug trial for Fragile X

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Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On altering Down’s Syndrome

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More on Henrietta Lacks genetic destiny
On familial matches in law enforcement

Hospitalization/Hospital Care
Can/should hospitals deny admitting privileges to abortion doctors?

Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On a malaria vaccine –in a very small number of patients
On the statement from 2005 by the Vatican on vaccines made from cells of aborted fetuses
On lawsuits against parents who refuse to vaccinate
On liability for failure to vaccinate

Oncology
On locating early stage cancers

Pain
On urine testing in pain patients

Placebos
On placebos

Practice of Medicine/Physician Health
On physicians and PTSD

Psychiatric Issues
On access to psychiatric care

Social/Cultural Issues
On increasing the severity of prison sentences. Can this be done w/o becoming
excessively cruel?
Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On a transplant for a teen
And more on the transplant

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On Brooke Hopkins and Margaret Pabst Battin

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On reports of drug side effects to the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System
On distributing rehydration salts
On thalidomide in Brazil
On buying diabetes treatments illegally

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On brain to brain interfaces

Family/Clans/Tribes
On adoptive couple vs baby girl

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On linking families thru genetics
On altering the genetics of Down’s Syndrome

Human Rights
On a right to health care

Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
Salon on Jenny McCarthy and The View
On vaccines for Lyme disease
“So we know scientifically how to develop a vaccine that would protect against all this human misery,” Poland says with an air of regret. “And yet, for these societal and cultural reasons, not scientific reasons, that will not be done in the foreseeable future in the U.S.”

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder
On the California bill requiring school to allow students to choose their gender identification

Legal
On the MacKenzie Briant case
On the Leatrice Brewer case (the county was found liable for the actions of the social
services agency
On suing patient attorneys for vexatious suits
On a case in Texas. How do we know prospectively when someone will become violent?

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On BMI notification by schools
On fat shaming
On the shortages of critical nutrients and the use of these nutrients for non-critical needs
On BMI’s and the Boy Scout National Jamboree

Pain
On pain treatment

Psychiatric Issues
On testing the “prisoner’s dilemma” in actual prisoners
On psychopaths and empathy
On requiring mental health treatment

Public Health/Bioterrorism and Biopiracy/Violence/Disasters
On the TB outbreak at Ninety Six Primary School in South Carolina

Religion/Spiritual Issues
On praying with patients

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments
On reimbursement for egg donors
On North Carolina and compensating sterilization victims
How much control should infertile couples have over the traits of the embryo, egg or sperm donor?
On rape and abortion
On sterilizations in prisons

Research
On Canadian nutritional studies
And more on this
On studies in India

Social/Cultural Issues
On military doctors and medical ethics

Sports/Orthopedics
On “anti-doping puritanism”
Stem Cells/Embryo Research/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On stem cell therapy
On generating bone
On VSELS

Technology/Social Media
On videotaping medical-legal physical exams

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
Hannah Warren has died
On Sarah Murnaghan's progress
On transplant failure in teenagers
On donation in Ireland
On xenotransplantation

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Abuse & Neglect
On poppy seeds, opiate testing of new mothers and CPS

Altruism/Volunteerism/NGO/Service
On volunteer physicians and liability insurance

Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records
Concerns are being expressed about confidentiality and the ACA
On privacy and identity

Development/ADD/Autism
On children developing life skills

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On pay for delay tactics

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
Family fundraising on internet

Education/Mentors/Testing
On recertification

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation
On Quebec’s end of life bill

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On altering memories
Ethics - General Philosophy, Ethical Codes, etc.
On debating bioethics

Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State
On euthanasia in France

Family/Clans/Tribes
A blog post on the Madeleine McCann case
On Adoptive couple v baby girl
On genetic tests and family relationships

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On patenting natural DNA

Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On RFK Jr and vaccines
More on vaccines

Misconduct Concerns
On a 19 year old Nature paper

Neonatology and Fetal Issues
On the Support study
More on the study.

Pain
On pain meds in the ED

Public Health/Bioterrorism and Biopiracy/Violence/Disasters
On “the ethics of chemical and biological weaponry

Publications/Authorship/Retractions
On an uthenticate survey

Religion/Spiritual Issues
On ethical issues in treating a fundamentalist patient
More on this topic

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments
On 3 parent embryos
On the UK ban on sex selection of embryos
On a pregnant 11 year old
On abortion pre Roe v Wade
Abortion rules in Europe

Research
Parents and research on their children

Social/Cultural Issues
On hunger strikes
More on this topic

Stem Cells/Embryo Research/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On livers and stem cells

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On lung transplants in children under age 12
On Sarah Murnaghan’s transplants
Article 2 and article 3 on Sarah Murnaghan's transplants
On increasing the number of organ donors
On Facebook and organ donation
Opt out organ donation in Wales
On paying for multivisceral transplants
On facebook and organ transplants
On head transplants

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Disability/Birth Defects/Eugenics
On Oklahoma’s Nondiscrimination in treatment act

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On fireflies and glowing plants

Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide/Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State
The Maine House rejected physician assisted suicide

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On the Supreme Court gene patenting decision

Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On measles –should there be legal liability for refusing to vaccinate?
A link to the Workman v Mingo County Schools opinion
On anti-vaccination stances

Legal
On a Mississippi program to identify the fathers of babies born to girls under age 16 from umbilical cord blood

Neonatology and Fetal Issues
On the support study:
http://www.thehastingscenter.org/Bioethicsforum/Post.aspx?id=6306&blogid=140
http://www.thehastingscenter.org/Bioethicsforum/Post.aspx?id=6357&blogid=140
http://www.thehastingscenter.org/Bioethicsforum/Post.aspx?id=6358&blogid=140
http://www.thehastingscenter.org/Bioethicsforum/Post.aspx?id=6367&blogid=140
On prenatal genetic testing

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments
On the El Salvador case of Beatriz and more on this topic.

Is sperm a marital asset? (an older article)

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On the Sarah Murnaghan case:
http://vitals.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/06/05/18779741-judge-orders-girl-added-to-adult-lung-transplant-list?lite
http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2013/06/12/190994513/10-year-old-sarah-murnaghan-will-receive-lung-transplant
From Craig Klugman
And Javier Acosta
And on special consideration for kids:
http://blogs.phillymag.com/the_philly_post/2013/06/10/sarah-murnaghan-lungs/

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Abuse & Neglect
On the death of a vegan infant

Access to Care
On Medicaid expansion

Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records
On the confidentiality of criminal acts by patients

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists/Supplements
On drug testing doctors
On Richard Danzig

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
Articles on the Oregon health care study:
http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2013/05/06/more-medicaid-more-health/almost-any-cost-is-catastrophic-if-youre-poor
http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2013/05/06/more-medicaid-more-health/poor-people-have-the-same-health-insurance-needs-as-others
http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2013/05/06/more-medicaid-more-health/routine-illness-can-be-devastating
http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2013/05/06/more-medicaid-more-health/oregon-study-shows-why-adding-more-people-to-medicaid-is-a-bad-idea

Education/Mentors/Testing
On recertification

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On printing an artificial ear
On steroid use/enhancement
On creating a splint for a child with tracheomalacia

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation
On attitudes about death
On the Richard Flora case—an Alzheimer’s patient with a rattlesnake bite and a DNR order
“how not to die” on videos of patients with dementia
On how word choice affects end of life decisions
On Vermont and assisted suicide

Ethics - General Philosophy, Ethical Codes, etc.
On the place of bioethicists

Euthanasia/Suicide/Physician-Assisted Suicide /Infanticide/ Minimally Conscious/Persistent Vegetative State
On Vermont
http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323475304578499774161574386.html?mod=djemEditorialPage_h
On Alzheimer’s and euthanasia
On a case in India http://videos.huffingtonpost.com/disfigured-acid-attack-victim-pleads-for-mercy-killing-517427940
http://freethoughtblogs.com/pharyngula/2013/05/06/christian-de-duve-has-died/

Family/Clans/Tribes
If donor eggs/sperm are used in a pregnancy, should the children be told? Should there be a legal requirement to tell?
On a woman with muscular dystrophy who wants a child:
http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4379594,00.html

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On prenatal dna sequencing
On patenting genes and Angelina Jolie
On informing patients of genetic risk

Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On the McCaffery family

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder/Sexual Orientation
On the Thomas Lobel case
On the Crawford case

Misconduct Concerns
On Huang Jiefu and China’s prisoner transplant program:
On concerns about illegal organ harvesting in India

Neonatology and Fetal Issues
On a “wrongful birth” case in Australia

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On the ethics of force feeding hunger strikers:
http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/01/us/guantanamo-adds-medical-staff-amid-hunger-
Oncology
On Angelina Jolie and preventive mastectomy
Her New York Times editorial “almost an epidemic of prophylactic mastectomy”
On a prostatectomy for BRCA2 gene mutation

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments
On egg freezing
On China’s one child policy
On a case in El Salvador
On touring Thailand and sex selective IVF
On the Arkansas abortion law

Stem Cells/Embryo Research/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On an Italian trial for neurodegenerative diseases
On producing embryos from adult skin cells
On ethics of therapeutic cloning
On selling or gifting embryos

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On an HIV positive organ donation in Israel
On markets and donations
On the Kyle Wilkerson case
On using diseased kidneys to engineer new ones
On China paying for organs

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Abuse & Neglect
How best do we balance investigating child abuse and not harming innocent families?
On a case in the UK
On the Anna & Alex Nikolayev case

Access to Care
On a prison inmate and hip surgery

Consent (including parental consent)
On the premature infant oxygen and blindness study

Development/ADD/Autism
On the use of attention-deficit drugs in college

Duty/Virtues/"First Do No Harm"/Truth-telling
On caring for the accused Boston bomber

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
On Medicaid and use of medical care

Education/Mentors/Testing
on “who is a medical doctor”

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On "lab-built body parts"
On artificial kidneys and the donor rat organs

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On EMTALA and pain meds in the ED
On emergency medical care for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation
On how doctors die

Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
Vaccine hesitancy in Alaska
On measles and vaccines in the UK
On a whooping cough death in Florida
On mixing H5N1 and H1N1

Legal
On gene patents
On the Kermit Gosnell case
On the murder vs abortion distinction—from the comments: what is the culpability of the women?
From Leon Kass
On patenting genes
On the James Dorsey case

Neurology
On improving neurological deficits in Down syndrome

Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening
On a statement on noninvasive prenatal screening
Religion/Spiritual Issues
A poll religious people on assisted suicide

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments
On books for children explaining assisted reproduction

On Plan B and teens
On the Savita Halappanavar case

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On donations by prisoners
On transplants and rabies
On asking for organ donation
On organ trading in China

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Confidentiality/HIPAA Privacy/Medical Records
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Development/ADD/Autism
On the use of ADD drugs in those with normal brains

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists/Supplements
On patents in India
On dimethylamylamine

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
On higher costs for the overweight—for what should people be charged extra?

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On lab built body part
Do physicians have the obligation “to Prevent ADHD Drug Use As Study Aid”
More on “cognitive enhancers”

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Infectious Disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On an avian flu strain
On vaccines and autism
On anthrax vaccine trials in children

Medical Tourism
On the growth of medical tourism

Oncology
On reporting cancer survival rates

Psychiatric Issues
On the use of “truth serum” in questions of legal insanity

Quality of Care/Peer Review/Comparative Effectiveness
On limiting hours for interns

Religion/Spiritual Issues
On Islamic bioethics

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments
On plan b
On the North Dakota abortion laws:
http://healthland.time.com/2013/03/25/pro-choice-or-no-choice-north-dakota-wants-to-ban-abortion-for-fetal-abnormalities/
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/22/north-dakota-personhood_n_2934503.html?utm_hp_ref=politics
On pregnancy after a 5 organ transplant
On exporting eggs for IVF.
An article on China’s one child policy and the number of abortions

Stem Cells/Embryo Research/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On the approval of a stem cell cocktail in Italy
On stem cell oversight panels

Surgery
On a patient with Alzheimer’s and a broken hip

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On the Kosovo kidney trafficking case
On selling kidneys

March 9, 2013
Development/ADD/Autism
On grading trends and socially awkward kids

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On not hiring smokers
A bill that creates physician and drug manufacturer liability for addiction

Duty/Virtues/”First Do No Harm”/Truth-telling
On the Mohammed Al-Byati case in Britain
On truth and computers

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/Palliative Sedation
From Charles Ornstein on his mother
On a case in California. Should a retirement facility have a policy to refuse all cpr?:
On the David James case in London

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder/Sexual Orientation
On a case in Colorado
On homosexuality and pro sports

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion Treatments & Experimental Treatments
On the Lisa Epsteen case
And what is the liability risk to the doctor/hospital/medical personnel if there are problems
On the Crystal Kelley case-on a surrogate with a fetus with anomalies
On a sperm donor who withdrew permission to use his sperm

Technology/Social Media
Do doctors need rules on how to behave using “public digital media”
On EMR’s and excessive alerts

February 25, 2013

Communication/Relationships/compassion
A letter from a doctor to a surviving son

Consent (including parental consent) & competency
On the EPA PM2.5 study –“Then again, the study subjects really weren’t “asked” to risk
their lives, since the EPA researchers failed — and, in fact, refused — to warn them that PM2.5 could kill them."

On a young woman who died after an abortion

Education/Mentors/testing
On residencies

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide, Minimally Conscious, Persistent Vegetative State
On the New Jersey assisted suicide measure

On Quebec and assisted dying

On assisted suicide in Connecticut

On the Verbessem twins in Belgium

Family /Clans/Tribes
On multiple parents in the Netherlands

Hospitalization/Hospital Care
On dictating which nurses will care for a baby

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On narcolepsy and an influenza vaccine

On Vermont and anti-vaccine activists

Legal
On the Samantha Reckis case

Misconduct Concerns
On the report on the English Stafford Hospital

Practice of medicine/physician&caregiver health

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On prenatal testing and abortions

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On consent and stem cell lines
On use of stem cell therapy

Technology/ Social Media
On the Amy Dunbar case

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On organ trafficking

February 7, 2013

Access to care
On the Zach Sayne case

On the Frank Morrocco case

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On commenting on facebook

Consent (including parental consent) & competency
On the Louise Brown case

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On tracking compliance with med regimens

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
Should doctors be helping patients get infertility loans?

Education/Mentors/testing
On mandatory drug testing from student’s hair

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On hearing color

On Lance Armstrong

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide, Minimally Conscious, Persistent Vegetative State
On twins in Belgium

Health Policy & healthcare systems
On the Independent Payment Advisory Board

Legal
On medical apology programs
On DNA collection for suspects

**Obesity**

*Will shaming the obese curb the obesity?*

**Publications/ Authorship/ Retractions**

On retracting a Cancer Cell article

**Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion**

*The Mary Elizabeth Williams article on abortion*

**Surgery**

On the Dominic Pio Gundrum case

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**Jan 13, 2013**

**Advocacy**

On lead and criminal activity

**Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records**

On HIPAA and videotaping

**Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists**

On stem cells and drug development

**Economics/financing/insurance/taxes**

On the rising cost of health insurance

**End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation**

On email reminders to encourage end of life talks

On the Hassan Rasouli case

On conversations with youth “Voicing my choices”

**Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology**

On soldiers and human enhancement

On cyborgs and singularity

On cyborg brains
Family /Clans/Tribes
On sperm donors and fatherhood
On who chooses the names we use for ourselves
On age of parents

Gene Therapy
On gene therapy in Canavan disease

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On DNA databases and the effect on crime rates
On consumer genetics
On less expensive techniques for gene therapy
On technology for cancer and HIV
On preventing the inheritance of mitochondrial disease

Health Policy & healthcare systems
Different views

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On vaccines and genetically modified food
On flu vaccine effectiveness
On polio vaccination in Pakistan

Legal
On the K & L Contractors case
On James Ketchum and a class action law suit

Misconduct Concerns
Top Science Scandals of 2012

Neonatology and Fetal Issues
On non-invasive genetic prenatal test

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On efforts to discourage eating disorders
Oncology
On Emily Whitehead, leukemia, and personalized gene therapy
On a mastectomy for Miss DC

Psychiatric Issues
On guns and mental illness

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
Bobby Jindal on otc contraceptives
On IVF in Costa Rica
On asthma in children born after IVF
On using single embryos for IVF
On an abortion hot line in Chile

Social/Cultural Issues
On violence as a public health issue.
On guns and doctor speech and more

Sports & orthopedics
On testing for human growth hormone in baseball

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On discarded human embryos
On reprogramming adult cells to embryonic like state
On making cells from human urine into neural progenitor cells
On iPSC's and immune attacks
On stem cell cosmetics

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On organ trafficking in Yemen
On organ donor fraud in Germany
December 9, 2012

Adolescence
On prescribing plan b to teens

Communication/Relationships/compassion
On discussing guns with patients

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On confidentiality and access to records generated from technology

Family /Clans/Tribes
Families funding research

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
I find this concerning

Legal
On free speech and off label use

Misconduct Concerns
On Hubertus Strughold and an award named for him

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On the kidney allocation proposal

November 10, 2012

Access to care
On the Caroline Cassin case in the UK. She has cystic fibrosis. The drug company is offering to donate ivacaftor for her, at least for now, but her local hospital is refusing to give it to her.

Altruism/Volunteerism/NGO/Service
ok, is it possible to force people to help others?

Interesting discussion on the Volokh conspiracy blog

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On using stimulants for "poor academic performance in inadequate schools"

On Myriad Genetics
I find this concerning

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On the ethics of elective ventilation

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On the Liverpool Care Pathway—this appears quite controversial in the UK.
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/9613997/Family-doctors-asked-to-identify-patients-likely-to-die.html
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/9635878/Probe-into-use-of-death-pathway-by-NHS.html

On decision making for a child in foster care in the UK.

On the Carl Winspear case in the UK.

On the Janet Tracey case in the UK

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide, Minimally Conscious, Persistent Vegetative State
On doctor assisted suicide

An Ira Byock column on physician assisted suicide

An EJ Dionne column

Family /Clans/Tribes
On the De Ambrosis case in Italy

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On secret dna testing

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
I find this concerning

Legal
On a Pennsylvania case

On the Italian earthquake case

On the EPA lawsuit
Media/Informatics/EMR’s/ Internet
A view of EMR’s

Oncology
On the cost of drugs

Psychiatric Issues
On psychopaths

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On an anencephaly case in India where the mother was denied an abortion

On a New Jersey case

On a child support case in UK

Sports & orthopedics
On the Tantasqua vs Southbridge game with 5 players with concussions

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On presumed consent for donation

October 12, 2012

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide, Minimally Conscious, Persistent Vegetative State
On who should aid in suicides

Other web material/etc.
The HHS website on breaches of health information affecting 500 or more

Hastings Center Report has briefs available on:
“Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Demographics and Socioeconomic Status”
“Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Use of Health Care”
“Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: U.S. Health Policy and Access to Care”
October 6, 2012

Conscience and Conscientious Objection
On Spain, undocumented migrant access to care, and conscientious objection

Illinois courts, emergency contraception & pharmacists

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On InQuicker

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide, Minimally Conscious, Persistent Vegetative State
On prisoner euthanasia in Belgium

Family /Clans/Tribes
On a custody case in an assisted reproduction case

On decision making for children

On the Craig paternity case and the ruling

Health Policy & healthcare systems
Ezekiel Emanuel in the Wall Street Journal

Medical Error
On reporting medical mistakes

Practice of medicine/physician health
On doctor burnout

On “gut feelings” and serious illness

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
Sperm donors and genetic disorders


On problems with surrogate mother situations:
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/mother-tongue/9581564/Judge-warns-of-pitfalls-of-
surrogacy-after-mother-disappears-before-giving-consent.html

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On applying pressure for transplants (worrisome if this is true)

September 14, 2012

Circumcision/female genital mutilation
On regulating circumcision

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On holding medical records hostage

Education/Mentors/testing
On cheating

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On the Prince Friso case
And more

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder
On the Michelle Kosilek case

Misconduct Concerns
On the Marc Hauser case

Personhood/Humanity

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On using IVF for sex selection

On making sperm from skin cells

On freezing IVF embryos
Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones

September 5, 2012

The August issue of Virtual Medicine is available and includes articles on genetic testing.
The September issue is on confidentiality.

Hastings Center Report has briefs available on:
“Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Demographics and Socioeconomic Status”
And
“Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Use of Health Care”
And
“Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: U.S. Health Policy and Access to Care”

The TV show Bonanza had an episode on mercy killing in 1963. It is available on YouTube here.

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On the thalidomide apology

Duty/Virtues/”First Do No Harm”/Truth-telling
On treating patients vs protecting staff from injury

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On an Ohio case

On the Richard Wesley case

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
Betsch C, Renkewitz F, Haase N. Effect of Narrative Reports about Vaccine Adverse Events and Bias-Awareness Disclaimers on Vaccine Decisions: A Simulation of an Online Patient Social Network. Medical Decision Making. 2012; published online 8/8/12

Professionalism
“Professionalism: The view from outside medicine”

On assessing physician behavior
Publications/Authorship/Retractions
On transparency in publications

On communicating findings

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On genetically engineering babies

Research & Experimental Treatments
On an experimental hepatitis c drug
And more

Sports & orthopedics
On gene doping

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On the Finn-Lynch case

On stem cell research funding

Surgery
On plastic surgery for bullied teens

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On a case in China of selling a kidney

On the Paul Corby case (autism and heart transplants)

August 8, 2012

Circumcision/female genital mutilation
On circumcision in Europe

On FGM in the UK

Communication/Relationships/compassion
On translators and rights

Conflict of interests
“bias is unavoidable”

Decision Making
On the South Dakota law requiring information on suicide for women seeking an abortion
Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On cells, drugs and the FDA

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On FDA approval of direct to consumer genetic tests
On policy recommendations by the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On a child with a rash and no vaccinations

Legal
On patents for individual genes

Media/Informatics/EMR's/ Internet
A column on physician salaries from Eli Lehrer and 2 responses:
Response 1
Response 2

Misconduct Concerns
On Robert Smith and the FDA
On Accretive Health
On the Mepur Ravindranath

Neonatology and Fetal Issues
On hiding baby formula
And more
On a prenatal test for Down's Syndrome in Germany

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On court ordered cesarean sections

Social/Cultural Issues
On animal activists' tactics and animal workers

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
Are stem cells drugs?
July 22, 2012

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On a distressing case
On assisted dying

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On insurance coverage of genetic testing
On checking your own genetic profile

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On vaccine reassortment

Misconduct Concerns
On cases in New Zealand and the University of Minnesota
On a case in Queensland
This falls into the category of what was he thinking?
On the UC Davis case

Research & Experimental Treatments
On the HPV vaccine in India

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
From the CIRM about using adult stem cells to repair heart damage

July 3, 2012

Circumcision
On circumcisions in Germany
And more

Communication/Relationships/compassion
On learning empathy

Consent (including parental consent) & competency
On consent to use databanks

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On testing for “racial purity”
Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On the number of deaths from the 2009 Influenza pandemic

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder
On the Pakistan polio vaccine ban

Misconduct Concerns
On compensation for sterilization patients in North Carolina

June 21, 2012

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On the Tony Nicklinson case
And he now has a twitter account

On the Liverpool care pathway in the NHS

The British Columbia decision on physician assisted dying

Hematology
A Jehovah’s Witness case in Australia

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder
On testosterone in female athletes

Legal
On gene patents

Misconduct Concerns
On a North Carolina case

On the Advocate Health Care case

Practice of medicine/physician health
On residents working while ill

Professionalism
On how doctors behave

Psychiatric Issues
On medicalizing grief
Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On legal rights of fathers, mothers and sperm donation

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On stem cells from corpses

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On no insurance after donating a kidney

June 11, 2012

Communication/Relationships/compassion
On patients talking to physicians

On doctors grieving for patients

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On “human barcode”

On the problem of HIPPA/confidentiality and patients taking photos in the office

Conscience and Conscientious Objection
On providing meds such as the morning after pill or meds not FDA approved for the intended use

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On patients visiting the ED in the last month of their lives

Family /Clans/Tribes
On not wanting to be a parent

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On patenting a variant of the SGK1 gene

On testing prenatally

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
Not sure how I feel about this web site

On thimerosal in vaccines

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder
On transgender children
Legal
How far should government go to control behavior?
On a failed abortion case in Spain

Misconduct Concerns
On the Hwang Woo-suk case
An apology from the German Medical Association

Radiology/Imaging
On ct scans and cancer risk

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On the Supreme Court decision on survivor benefits for children born thru IVF after death

Technology/ Social Media
On robots and morals

May 16, 2012

Abuse & Neglect/Punishments/Foster Care
On the Jennifer Mothershead case in Washington

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
Testing a drug to stop Alzheimer’s before it starts

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
What should you know about your genome?

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On at home HIV testing

On the patient in California arrested for missing his tb treatment

Neonatology and Fetal Issues
Should stillborn babies be given birth certificates?

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On limiting the practice of overweight doctors

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On genetic disease and sperm donors
On donating embryos

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On compensating organ donors

On the DMV and organ transplantation

May 3, 2012

Advertising/Commercialism
On advertising, videos and possible ethics violations

Complementary, alternative medicine & unproven methods
Stem cell therapy in a teen with cerebral palsy

On the Christopher Nitkowski case

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On lawsuits and healthcare breach cases

On a $100,000 fine for posting patient appointments online

Conflict of interests
On disclosures

Development/ADD/Autism/Discipline/Consciousness
On gene mutations and autism

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
On transplants in undocumented immigrants
(note the hospital wanted more money pledged than the Medicare rate for the operation)

On hospitals and “permanent patients”

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On a diagnosis of brain death

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On assisted suicide legislation

Articles on euthanasia
Family /Clans/Tribes
On reasons for having children

At what point does poor parenting become criminal? (the parents deny the child was tanning at the salon)

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On DNA testing and predicting illness

On genetic screening

On Kristen Powers

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On qualifying for vaccine exemptions

On creating H5N1 transmissible bird flu

On iron deficiency and malaria

Legal
On patents on genes

Can middle school students adequately consent to police taking dna in a criminal case?

On “criminalization of bad mothers”

Misconduct Concerns
On writing fake doctor notes

Neurology
On neuroscience and military mind control

Oncology
On tests and treatments offered to cancer patients

On IVF and leukemia

On spending on cancer treatment

A young adult with acute myeloid leukemia who wants to preserve her fertility

On YouTube and access to pertuzumab prior to its release

Patient Ethics/Responsibility
On patients developing their own treatments
Publications/Authorship/Retractions
On retractions

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
On physicians and religious beliefs

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On legal problems of assisted reproduction
On lawyers helping with surrogacy arrangements

“Uzbekistan’s policy of secretly sterilizing women”

Screening Recommendations
"The USPSTF concludes that there is at least moderate certainty that the harms of screening for ovarian cancer outweigh the benefits."

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On the definition of death
On retransplanting a failing kidney transplant
On facebook, DMV and organ donors

April 10, 2012

Communication/Relationships/compassion
On being told to change doctors

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
Drug shortage listing
On recalling Lo Ovral
On developing anti virals
On discarding scarce drugs

Duty/Virtues/"First Do No Harm”/Truth-telling
On a Pennsylvania law on fracking chemical information

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
Should reimbursement be linked to satisfaction surveys?
Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On altering the human microbiome
On other children undergoing the “Ashley treatment”
On altering humans to “combat climate change”

Family /Clans/Tribes
On the ethics of conceiving a child

Legal
On a lawsuit over a case of mesenteric ischemia
Which has mortality rate of 60-100%
On IVF technology and survivors benefits

Prevention
Is there a point at which we are overreacting to the fact that just living is dangerous?

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
From Australia: on allowing IVF children access to donor identities
On father to son sperm donation

Screening Recommendations
On pap smears

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On cloning a mammoth
On canceling a stem cell conference

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On organ donors
How old is too old to receive a heart transplant?
On transplants from Chinese death row inmates
On defining death for organ donors
Codes, Declarations & Commissions
On the new BMA ethics guide

Conflict of interests
On the Glenn McGee/AJOB case
And more

Dermatology
On medical tattoos

Development/ADD/Autism/Discipline/Consciousness
On Mark Zuckerberg and Asperger’s

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On lack of methotrexate
On non-vegetarian drugs
On testing drugs for children

Should contraceptives be prescription?

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On charging for ED care
On high charges from a hospital

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On the PLoS Medicine article on end of life care
On informing a dying child.

Ethics-general- philosophy, ethical codes, etc.
What is life?

Family /Clans/Tribes
On considering the effect of treatment decisions on family members
On parental rights and sperm donors

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On early prenatal testing
Hospitalization/Hospital Care
“One way to think about it is that we made a policy choice to save money by turning family and friends into parahealth professionals”

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On doctors firing vaccine refusers
And more

On publishing info on H5N1

On the Grzyb v Grzyb case

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder
On sex changing treatments in children

Legal
A settlement for a young man who took stolen meds

On fake drugs

On a mother who is a chimera

On a missed diagnosis of Down’s syndrome
And more

On Medicare laws and their readability

Media/Informatics/EMR’s/ Internet
Do EMR’s cut health care costs?

Misconduct Concerns
On the right of a scientist charged with misconduct to present a defense

Neonatology and Fetal Issues
On a newborn with a pacemaker

Killing babies

Neurology
On amantadine and brain injury

on Prince Friso-- “prognosis for his recovery is bleak”

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On an anti-obesity campaign
A working paper by ML Marlow and S Abdukadirov on the effectiveness, or lack thereof, of anti-obesity efforts

Oncology
On a mother and baby with melanoma

Practice of medicine/physician health
On immigrant doctors

Psychiatric Issues
On medicalizing normal behaviors

Publications/Authorship/Retractions
On publishing research that can lead to biological weapons

Radiology/Imaging
On the safety of airport scanners

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On a mother in Israel—triplets vs a singleton and twins

Pope Benedict’s address to life academy on infertility

On single embryo transfer, patient choice, delivery rates

On the infanticide article in JME:
http://blogs.bmj.com/medical-ethics/2012/03/02/an-open-letter-from-giubilini-and-minerva/
http://kenanmalik.wordpress.com/2012/03/07/abortion-infanticide-humanity-free-speech/
http://normblog.typepad.com/normblog/2012/03/the-responsibility-of-the-philosopher.html

On financing IVF

Research & Experimental Treatments
On research on sailors

Screening Recommendations
On early diagnosis

Technology/ Social Media
On media time and teaching programming to toddlers
Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On bone marrow

On organ shortages

February 10, 2012

Codes, Declarations & Commissions
On the Nuremberg Code

Communication/Relationships/compassion
On hugging

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On breeches of medical privacy

Conscience and Conscientious Objection
On dispensing emergency contraceptives in Washington

Development/ADD/Autism/Discipline/Consciousness
On treating ADHD

Duty/Virtues/"First Do No Harm”/Truth-telling
On revealing errors
And more

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
On consumer health insurance labels

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On expected home deaths

Gifts/sponsorships
On the “sunshine act”

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On creation of influenza virus

Psychiatric Issues
More on the Mary Moe case

Public Health/ Bioterrorism/Violence/Disasters/Biopiracy
On protecting children from anthrax
This article has been retracted.
Wonkam A. Gender testing in sport: the right of genetic diversity and the right not to be harmed. J Genet Couns. 2011; published online 4/20/11.
Misconduct Concerns
On misconduct and youtube

On the arsenic based life controversy

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On food stamps and "junk food"

Pain
On pain control

Patient Ethics/Responsibility
On violent patients

Research & Experimental Treatments
On the research on bird flu
And more

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
Are stem cells drugs?

Technology/ Social Media
On search engines and information of questionable validity

Dispute finder: an attempt to mark inaccurate information on the web (but who gets to decide what is accurate-can some groups overwhelm others?)

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On bone marrow donors and compensation

Older News Archive

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We try to maintain a file of the news links and miscellaneous links from the regular Listserv updates. The arrangement starts with the oldest beginning in the summer of 2010. The more recent files are in Current News Archive and the older ones are in this file. Please remember weblinks on news sites are not permanent and may cease to function.

July 17, 2010
Abuse & Neglect/Punishments/Foster Care
On obese children, medical neglect and foster care

On an idea for getting a cut of future salary instead loans for tuition

On limiting resident work hours, patient improvement or not, handoff problems, and interference with education.
On increasing costs and scheduling problems

On lack of data for increased safety
http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/short/360/21/2242
http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2010/07/05/prl10705.htm

Family
on testing family members for brain abnormalities

on a family who wants to harvest eggs from a dying woman

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases
More on genetic databases in universities

Gifts/sponsorships
On drug industry gifts

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On a VA hospital and problems with sterilizing dental equipment

Legal
On using familial dna matching to catch the “grim sleeper”

A lawsuit against a hospital for religious discrimination. Are hospitals required to provide personnel of a requested gender?
Some discussion here

Licensing and certification
On removing the license of a psychologist

Professionalism
On reporting impaired colleagues

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On testing pregnant women for smoking

Technology
On the privacy of electronic medical records
July 28, 2010

**Enhancement/Modifications/Technology**
*On a girl requesting an amputation*

**Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases**
*On errors in genetic testing*

**Hospitalization/Hospital Care**
*On misidentification of patients*

**Social media**
*On transplants and facebook*

August 7, 2010

**Autonomy, Beneficence, Paternalism etc.**
*On forcing surgery for unwilling patients*

**Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists**
*On medical marijuana and drugs*

*On breaking a drug patent*

**Education/Mentors/testing**
*On medical school with few science prerequisites*

**End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation**
*On withdrawing LVAD support*

**Enhancement/Modifications/Technology**
*On artificial life forms and basic intelligence*

**Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion**
*On donation of IVF embryos*

**Research & Experimental Treatments**
*On ownership of tumor tissue*

**Sports**
*On the NCAA genetic screening rule*
Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On human trials for a human embryonic stem cell therapy for spinal cord injuries

Technology
Thoughts on physicians embracing new technology

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue & Organ Donations
On an ALS patient who wants to donate his organs now

On living donors

August 24, 2010

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On patient records in a public dump
On the medical privacy rules

Consent
On informed consent and training

On consent and checkpoint body scans

on informed consent for Alzheimer's research

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
There has been a lot of interest in Avastin. Here is a WSJ editorial on the subject.

Economics/financing/insurance
Should lawyers be able to know the amount of insurance you have?

Family
From the US court of appeals on Albrecht v Treon
And an article from 2008 on the case

Legal
On wrongful life vs wrongful birth

Misconduct Concerns
On the Marc Hauser case
And another article on the case

On Hans Joachim Sewering

Public Health/ Bioterrorism/Violence/Disasters/Biopiracy
On the killings of medical professionals in Afghanistan
Publications/Authorship
British Medical Journal is asking at least some authors to pay publication fees

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On the children of sperm donors
On the parentage of a baby conceived after a father’s death
On choosing the gender of a baby

Research & Experimental Treatments
On taking a test for Alzheimer’s
On a drug study in Iraq on wounded soldiers

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
Should the FDA regulate stem cell clinics?
On the Judge Lamberth ruling on stem cell research
And the text of the ruling

September 1, 2010

Access to care
On dialysis for illegal aliens in Atlanta

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On ED waits and LA
An interview with Dr Ruth Berggren

Enhancement/Modifications/Technology
On enhancement

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases
On the Minnesota State Fair and “spitting for science”
And their website

Gifts/sponsorships
On sponsored seminars for journalists

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On requiring flu shots
On DTaP-Tdap Mix-ups
On the increase in monkeypox since smallpox has been eliminated

Legal
A view of malpractice and defensive medicine

On the 357 cases against Mark Weinberger

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On requiring breastfeeding

Publications/Authorship
On signing editorials

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
On religious views and treatment

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On freezing oocytes for non medical reasons

On the risk of genetic defects in children born by the use of icsi

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On the Judge Lamberth ruling
And 2 scientists involved in the case

On the NIH and stem cell research

On red blood cells and IVF embryos

September 22, 2010

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On sheriff access to prescription data bases

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On lying about mercy killing

Family
On Baby E in Australia
**Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases**
*On regulation of genetic testing*

**Misconduct Concerns**
*On a sperm donor*

**Sports**
*More on testing for sickle cell*

**Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones**
*On the ethics of induced pluripotent stem cells*

**Blog, Board and Forum Posts**
*On charging more for ambulance transport of obese patients*

Do we really want to decide for which medical problems a patient is responsible and charge them extra?

.Doc2doc has a post and responses on the Hippocratic Oath
And another titled: Paternalism of science based medicine

**History/Movies/Books/Media/Arts**
*On a physician & a tv show*

October 11, 2010

**Access to care**
*On county hospitals and out of county patients*

**Advertising/Commercialism**
*Ad space on school buses and papers for parents?*

**Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists**
*On a new drug for multiple sclerosis, Gilenya*

**Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters**
*On posting emergency wait times*
Ethics-general- philosophy, ethical codes, etc
On moral questions and science

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases
On regulating gene tests for accuracy

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On conflict at Lyme Disease

Legal
On the Delgado case in Miami

Misconduct Concerns
On the Guatemala syphilis case

On lobotomies and mental handicaps

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On labeling genetically modified salmon

Pain
On the right to pain relief

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On caste and assisted reproduction

On fedex and frozen embryos

On the “global human egg trade”

Research & Experimental Treatments
On requiring women to use contraception in studies

Social Issues
On carnivores

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue & Organ Donations
On brain death and organ harvesting

An artificial heart for a teen with Duchene’s

History/Movies/Books/Media/Arts
Plastinated body exhibits have been banned in France
(The link is in French but basically the court there has ruled that exposure of corpses for commercial purposes violates Civil Code)
Frieden TR, Collins FS. Intentional infection of vulnerable populations in 1946-1948. JAMA. Published online October 11, 2010.


October 25, 2010

Abuse & Neglect/Punishments/Foster Care
Do child abuse investigations reduce risk

Conflict of interests
On the risks of incorrectly placed acupuncture needles

Consent
On information given to patients

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On standards for generics

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On survival of neonates after withdrawal of hydration

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On autism, vaccines and the Supreme Court

Legal
On court cases and student witnesses

Oncology
On the value or non value of screening

On “blood doping” in research trials

Publications/Authorship
On the question of bias in publications

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
On faith and medicine

Articles on morality
Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On a baby born from an embryo frozen for 20 years

On the Michael Kamrava case

On Project Prevention in the UK

Safety
On helmets

Technology
On iPads and hospitals

November 5, 2010

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On drug money for male and female physicians

On generic drug settlement bans

On treating patients with radioactive iodine

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
On what can be paid for with tax-sheltered health care accounts

Enhancement/Modifications/Technology
On electricity and numbers

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On the Virginia Ironside Sunday Morning Live interview

Family /Clans/Tribes
A different view of paternity testing

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On vaccinations and celebrities

Internet/technology
On internet ratings of doctors

Legal
On genes and patents

Licensing and certification
On dentists and dental therapists
Misconduct Concerns
On the Marc Hauser case

Oncology
On children, parents and cancer trials

Psychiatric Issues
On hospitalizations and emergency department stays for children with acute mental health problems

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On IVF and intelligence

One mother’s experience with IVF

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On a death in Germany after stem cell therapy

Other Web material

Youtube has a number of interesting things: This is a series of family photos of an 8-year-old with Trisomy 18. This was shown at the 2008 SOFT Conference. A series of photos of a number of infants with trisomy. This one is on Thomas Laux-- with trisomy 13.

If you search for trisomy you will find a number of others: A medscape survey on physician ethics

November 18, 2010

Abuse & Neglect/Punishments/Foster Care
Is failure to pay for school lunches an indication of abuse/neglect?

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
on a problem with drug testing a mother

on the FDA and Momenta Pharmaceuticals

Enhancement/Modifications/Technology
On 2 boys with Denys-Drash syndrome

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
A case in Australia
Family / Clans / Tribes
on parents, art, and informing children

Medical Error / Quality of Care
On dialysis and quality of care

Miscellaneous
On selling plastinated bodies.

Professionalism
A medscape survey on physician ethics

Screening Recommendations
On preventive screening at the end of life

Transplants / Transfusions / Tissue Donations
On presumed consent systems

December 15, 2010

Confidentiality / HIPAA / Privacy / Medical Records
Does anonymity increase unethical behavior?

Drugs / Pharmacology / Pharmacists
On e prescribing, pharmacies and costs

End-of-Life Care / Dying / Futility / Palliative Sedation
On dnr vs and

Infectious disease / Vaccinations / Epidemics
On discharging parents who refuse vaccination

Legal
On patents and genes

Misconduct Concerns
on William Hamman – what do you think about the cme credit physicians received for attending his lectures?
Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening
On selling infant blood spots

On the fetal genome and maternal blood

On screening for Down's in New Zealand

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On sharing breast milk

Politics, Conscientious Objection
On “chasing foreign leaders’ DNA”

Professionalism
On chaperons

Psychiatric Issues
On Medicaid scripts for children

Publications/Authorship
On authorship of a textbook

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On international surrogacy

On surrogacy in India

Research & Experimental Treatments
On the Dan Markingson case

On Nazi war crimes

Sports
Should a student be allowed to crawl over a finish line?

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On a military service dog and stem cells

On spray stem cells and burns

On two-father offspring mice

On a stem cell transplant in an HIV positive patient

Technology/Social Media
On text messaging and compliance
On robots and ethics

On e-prescriptions and compliance

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
Several on transplants in Arizona

Other web material/etc
On a survey of doctors

Blog, Board and Forum Posts
A survey: “are you telling me the truth?”

Fun things
Shaw Q. Reflections of Father Christmas's GP. *BMJ* 2010; 341:c6782

January 7, 2011

Altruism/Volunteerism/NGO/Service/Donations
On recycling pacemakers

Consent
On disclosure about sleep deprivation

Diagnostics
On early testing for disease

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On Avastin and the FDA

On the FDA and drug approvals

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On Iowa, terminally ill children and EMS

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On the Wang Bei case in China

On a “cyborg future”

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On pertussis vaccine and facebook
Misconduct Concerns
On an "illegal organs removal racket"

On Wakefield, autism and fraud

Placebos
Do placebos work if patients know about them?

Publications/Authorship
On publishing a paper on ESP

On plagiarism and retractions

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
On the St Joseph’s case

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On the cost of IVF

On obtaining sperm for donation

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On stem cells and epidermolysis bullosa

On medical tourism for stem cell treatment

Technology/ Social Media
On EHR's and moral quandaries

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On the Jamie and Gladys Scott case

On kidney donation and prisoners

On transplants in NICU's

Ethics Surveys
Is it every ok to date a patient?

January 26, 2011

Access to care
On providing ambulance service for the obese
Advance Directives
On "legalese" in advance directives

Development/ADD/Autism/Discipline/Consciousness
On a child with Rett syndrome

Disability/Birth Defects/Eugenics
On the Maia Comas case

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On drug testing in middle school

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On charging a “death tax” for an infant

Family /Clans/Tribes
From a Chinese mother on raising children
And some responses

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On testing for diseases without cures

On DIY gene tests
And more

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On banning people from buying flu vaccine

Dr Offit on “junk science” and “victimless crime”

Legal
On the Al Barnes case

Practice of medicine/physician health
On wearing identification badges

On aging physicians

Professionalism
On treating neo-Nazi’s

Psychiatric Issues
On electroshock devices

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
On restrictions on religious hospitals
Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On paying egg and sperm donors

Research & Experimental Treatments
Sammons HM. Avoiding clinical trials in children. Arch Dis Child. Published online 1/23/11.

Technology/ Social Media
On health IT applications and benefits

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On kidney donation

On transplant of a larynx

On Jewish organ donation

On presumed consent in Colorado

Other web material/etc
Massachusetts Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors. When Things Go Wrong: Responding to Adverse Events

Ethics Surveys and such
Is it every ok to date a patient?

Ship A. A 36-year-old woman hoping to donate a kidney to her mother. JAMA. Published online 1/18/11.

Fun and unusual things
On human cheese?

February 10, 2011

Abuse & Neglect/Punishments/Foster Care
Access to care
On a case in Galveston

Advance Directives
On US laws and advance directives

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On the medical privacy of public figures
Education/Mentors/testing
On medical students and intrusive exams

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On genetic privacy and identical twins

Legal
On the Al Barnes case

Medical Error/Quality of Care
On a pharmacy error

Misconduct Concerns
On using social media to locate fraud

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On intrafamilial assisted reproduction

On illegal sperm donation

Technology/ Social Media
on wind turbines, neodymium, environmental and health damage

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On altruistic kidney donations

On presumed consent in Colorado

Other web material/etc
A new website on the history of vaccines

A section on ethical issues

An interactive movie on research misconduct from the Office of Research Integrity

Blog, Board and Forum Posts
Pediatric Bioethics Blog – John Lantos
Recent posts:
On pregnant prisoners and their babies.
On the Encarnacion Romero case
Allergies/Immunology
On food allergies and school restrictions:

Consent (including parental consent)/ competency
On a competency case in Montana

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On shortages of adhd drugs

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On the court of protection in the UK and the M case

Family /Clans/Tribes
If a surrogate refuses to give the designated parents the child should she receive child support?

On citizenship of children born of surrogacy.

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On resistant staph in meat

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder
On “puberty blockers for children”

Legal
On charges in Sweden

On the Jamie and Gladys Scott case

On the BRCA patent case

Neonatology and Fetal Issues
On Kameron and Kaydon Hayes

Publications/Authorship
On ghostwriters

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On compensation for egg and sperm donors
A report from Australia’s parliament--“donor conception practices”

On organ donation by the Pope

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
From an interview of Arthur Caplan and Robert George

On stem cells and hearing loss

Technology/ Social Media
On videotaping physicians/hospitals

Blog, Board and Forum Posts
“Can surgeon leave the anesthetized patient in the OR to take care another emergent procedure?” (many comments)

On late physicians, patients and rudeness

A point--how do you stop the photographer from photographing people, including other patients who do not want to be photographed?

May 12, 2011

Communication/Relationships

Conscience and Conscientious Objection

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On marketing drugs

Education/Mentors/testing
On cme funding

On revising the MCAT-you may find some of the comments interesting.

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On Bahrain medical staff and antigovernment protesters
More on Bahrain

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On the ethics of cyber-consciousness

On brain stimulation and learning

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On advertising a right to die

On carrying anti-euthanasia cards

On suicide and YouTube

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
A wired article on the measles outbreak in Arizona

On testing anthrax vaccine in children

Legal
On the case of Howard Solomon of Forest Laboratories

If I am reading this correctly, a patient has no expectation of privacy in an emergency department?
(I found the link on an emergency medicine blog)

On plagiarism in a medical malpractice ruling

Professionalism
On the Wisconsin physicians who wrote sick notes for protestors

Psychiatric Issues
On evil and empathy

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
On faith healing and legal protections

Research & Experimental Treatments
On the Markingson case

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On girls, boys and transplant lists

On transplants for a prisoner
On transplants for foreign nationals in Canada

On financial incentives and transplants in China

Blog, Board and Forum Posts
“the implications of physician tag and release”

Fun, strange and unusual
An euthanasia coaster?

May 26, 2011

Complementary, alternative medicine & unproven methods
On employees wearing flea collars

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On hacking medical records

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On responding to calls for help

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On the Gloria Cruz case

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On euthanasia in Britain

Evidence Based Medicine
On dress codes for physicians

Family /Clans/Tribes
On the Giordano case. Denying custody to a mother with breast cancer

Legal
On a case where the insurance company said verbal notification wasn’t enough

On settling liability cases

On the Kristen La Brie case

On “federalism and med-mal reform”
On establishing physician patient relationships with technology

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On refusing to treat obese patients

Public Health/ Bioterrorism/Violence/Disasters/Biopiracy
On lithium in the water supply?

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
On Bloodless Liver Transplants

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On the XCell-Center case from Dusseldorf

On reprogramming stem cells

Technology/ Social Media
On EMR’s and security gaps

On the IBM Watson computer system

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On buying kidneys

On a bionic hand transplant

History/Movies/Books/Media/Arts

On smallpox scabs

June 4, 2011

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
Thoughts anyone?

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On controlling the costs of ED “super users”
Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On the Inger Rijn case

Family /Clans/Tribes
On parental rights and adultery

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On the prices of vaccines and more

Licensing and certification
On the octomom case

Medical Error/Quality of Care
On nurses refusing to staff a night shift at an understaffed ED

Miscellaneous
On the opinions of Americans on moral issues
On expenses to become and remain a doctor

Principles-autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, justice
On the limits of autonomy

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On an IVF and divorce case in the UK

Research & Experimental Treatments
On the HPV vaccine trials in India

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On the Bartolo Colon case

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
An inappropriate donation

Other web material/etc
Blog, Board and Forum Posts
A blog: Patient modesty & privacy concerns

July 3, 2011
Access to care
On stealth surveys of physician offices and more

Complementary, alternative medicine & unproven methods
And a response from David Colquhoun
And more commentary

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On steroid-tainted beef in Mexico and drug testing
On drug testing for welfare recipients
On Avastin

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
Should health insurance companies be exempt from anti trust law?
On the cost of liability insurance in Illinois
On the AMA and the individual mandate

Education/Mentors/testing
Is there an obligation to continue practicing medicine?

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
Physician assaulted in emergency room—the police arrested the assaulter. How much slack should we give families when they are stressed?

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On circumcision and ear piercing

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On the Saba and Fahar Shakeel case
On assisted suicide in Britain

Family/Clans/Tribes
On helping stressed surrogates
On Illinois adoptees and birth parents

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
Mandatory genetic screening?
“advertising as threat”

Health Policy & healthcare systems
On health care reform and a response

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On county health departments and vaccinations

On refusing vaccines

Intersex/Transgender/Gender Disorder
On “forced to have sex change operations in India”

Legal
On using a therapy dog in court

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
On stem cell research

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On setting a record for egg donation

On sperm donation after death

On emigration to select sons

Research & Experimental Treatments
On paying research participants

On the ethics of Captain America

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On pluripotent stem cells

Technology/ Social Media
On the problems of errors in EMR’s

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On payments to donors

On opting out

Other web material
Blog, Board and Forum Posts
A story from an ED physician
How far should hospitals go to treat obese patients?

On “the war between breastfeeding and formula feeding”
Are we making parental life more difficult than necessary?

Fun, strange and unusual
A video on organ donation
From Monty Python

July 17, 2011

Abuse & Neglect/Punishments/Foster Care
I am uncomfortable with this. What do you think? and more

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On research with social media

On the Kimberly White and Tufts case

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On avoiding unnecessary ambulance trips to the ED

On overcrowding

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On music therapy and hospice care

On the Hassan Rasouli case in Canada

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On refusing care to unvaccinated children and more

An article from Margaret Dunkle – I think the relative mentioned is Hannah Poling
Responses and more
A link to the DeLong abstract

On a non medical use of a vaccination drive

On vaccine requirements for school
There has been a good bit of discussion about the Murtagh JAMA article. Murtagh L, Ludwig DS. State intervention in life-threatening childhood obesity. JAMA 2011; 306(2): 206-207.


There are a large number of articles in the newspapers and on the web on this subject. Many are repetitive but I have listed a few.

I am working on the web site update and I hope to have it done next week.

The program for the NCE is available http://www.aapexperience.org/ At the end of the email there are a number of sessions of possible interest listed. Those sponsored by our section are listed in larger type.

Thanks to all of you, 
Brenda

**Nutrition**
A selection of links on obesity and child custody:
From Boston, Seattle, and Canada

On History:
You may remember a series from 1989 called Ethics in America. You can obtain the series from Amazon or from this website.

August 2, 2011

**Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records**
On health information of politicians

On the idea of "mystery shoppers" (patients)

**Conscience and Conscientious Objection**
On a survey in Britain

Consent (including parental consent)/ competency
On including children in discussions

**Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists**
On converting Lipitor to over the counter

**Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters**
On palliative care in the emergency department

**End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation**
On relatives and dying decisions

**Hospitalization/Hospital Care**
On hospitals, Walt Disney, and customer service
Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On the San Diego measles outbreak

Legal
On malpractice suits and hedge funds
On the cost of dropped malpractice suits
On the Ameneh Bahrami case—as a woman she is only entitled to half the compensation a man would receive

Newborn Screening/Prenatal Screening
On newborn screening

Professionalism
On physicians and obligations to provide care

Religion/Spiritual Issues/Conscience
On end of life care and Christianity

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On anonymous sperm and egg donors in Washington

Technology/ Social Media
From the Ethics Committee of the BMA

August 20, 2011

Communication/Relationships/compassion
On billing codes and compassion

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On generic cancer drugs

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On a fasting couple who were evicted from their assisted living facility.
Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On the death of Dr Kevorkian

Family /Clans/Tribes
A case from Australia on who is a parent

On schools, drug testing kits and parents

On the Alaina Giorado case

On the Chen Aida Ayash case

Gene Therapy
On gene therapy for leukemia treatment

Misconduct Concerns
On the Sheng Wang case

The WSJ on problems in scientific studies

On sterilizing without consent in North Carolina

Practice of medicine/physician health & life
On physicians unable financially to retire. Do "mad as hell" physicians provide good care?

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On twin pregnancies

Social Issues
"Can you morally enhance a hoodie" are bioethicists needed to help respond to mass hooliganism?

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On Rick Perry's adult stem cell use

Technology/ Social Media
On training for electronic records. I wonder what confidentiality training the students received?

Blog, Board and Forum Posts
On professionalism/ updating families in a timely fashion

On restricted resident hours and the culture of medicine
September 6, 2011

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On medical help in dying for the terminally ill

Misconduct Concerns
On the University of Wisconsin cases against doctors writing fake excuse notes

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On the Walterspiel and Waters case and their lost embryos

On children of sperm donors

On maternity leave and surrogates

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On organ trafficking in Kosovo

On organ trafficking in Bangladesh

HIV infected organs in Japan

Blog, Board and Forum Posts
On informed consent liability software

On gifts from patients
Abuse & Neglect/Punishments/Foster Care
A Pennsylvania case on Palo Mayombe

Access to care
On access to care for pregnant woman without legal status

Confidenfidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On the Stanford incident
On border crossings and medical confidentiality

Disability/Birth Defects/Eugenics
On ‘impefect” children

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On drug preferences

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
Who should pay for charges related to hospital procedures done in response to a warrant

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On the Ramona Estevez case in Andalusia

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
On “the cyborg in us all"
“Is ethical human genetic enhancement possible?”

Family /Clans/Tribes
On custody of a child with older parents

Gifts/sponsorships
On gifts

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
Is opposition to HPV vaccination unethical?

Lab Tests
On over testing in the elderly

Legal
On the Bryan Santana case
On the Florida law on “doctor gun talks”
Medical Error/Quality of Care
On 'alarm fatigue'

Misconduct Concerns
On the Anil Potti, Joseph Nevins case from Duke

Nutrition/Eating Disorders
On tracking obesity

Personhood/Humanity
On the personhood of the unborn in Mississippi

Professionalism
On the Florida law restricting doctor speech on guns

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On a surrogacy case

On knowing the sex of an unborn baby

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On the new CBC organ screening guidelines

Blog, Board and Forum Posts
A discussion on public witness of executions

Thoughts on Florida ob-gyns refusing to see overweight patients

Thoughts on the total price before a procedure is done

On Washington, Medicaid and ED non coverage
(and a link to some WSHA information
http://www.wsha.org/bulletinDetails.cfm?EID=6401)

On the legal weaknesses of EMR’s

September 28, 2011

Confidentiality/HIPAA/Privacy/Medical Records
On border crossings and medical confidentiality
Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On the most expensive drug in the world

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
More on the Washington limits on Medicaid emergency room visit limitations

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
Joseph Maraachli has died

Enhancement/Modifications/Regeneration/Technology
Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
An opinion piece on the California law on HPV vaccine

Social Issues
On the Mitchell Wilson case
On violence

October 11, 2011

Access to care
On requiring physicians to take call
On childhood fractures and access to orthopedists
On a stroke patient at the Amundsen-Scott research station

Circumcision
On California and circumcision

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On a day in the ED in Los Angeles

Family /Clans/Tribes
On an extended family with an inherited form of Alzheimer’s

Lab Tests
Should families have access to results without talking to the doctor?
October 23, 2011

Call
I am putting this here to consider: If there is good data that performance enhancing drugs help when we are stressed (as on call) do we have a duty to use them?

Economics/financing/insurance/taxes
“has medicine been reduced to economics?”

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Hospice/Palliative Sedation
On hospital based palliative care

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On publishing your own genome
On testing for Down’s Syndrome

Hospitalization/Hospital Care
On regulations for hospitals

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On vaccines, younger doctors and older doctors

Legal
On a Brazilian case

Media/Informatics/EMR’s/ Internet
On scribes and EHR’s

Medical Error
On a dispensing error

Misconduct Concerns
I think this comes under misconduct

Is it misconduct to speak with the press?

Neonatology and Fetal Issues
On treatment of a fetus with stem cells

Prevention
Is firing people for bad medical choices appropriate?

Quality of Care/Peer Review/ Comparative Effectiveness
On bad hospitals vs good hospitals

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On older parents

On compensating egg donors in the UK (250 euros is about $350)

Social Issues
On medical students and political protest

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On the European court ruling on patents

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On animal transplants

On transplants in China
Other web material/etc.
Blog, Board and Forum Posts
On “the art of practicing template medicine”

So can fixed time standards cause problems with actual patient care?

History/Movies/ Media/Arts
This is discussed in:

This is discussed in:

Limitless and Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Podcasts
Caplan A. Ethically dubious: prisoners and organ donations. The Bioethics Channel.

November 12, 2011
The Virtual Mentor issue for November is on health reform.

Dentistry
On ethics in dentistry

Education/Mentors/testing
On using unclaimed bodies for dissection

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On a possible case of euthanasia
Family /Clans/Tribes
From the mother of a child with Tay Sachs
"What I can do is protect my son from as much pain as possible, and then finally do the hardest thing of all, a thing most parents will thankfully never have to do: I will love him to the end of his life, and then I will let him go"

What should we do if a family is incapable of caring for a family member?

Hospitalization/Hospital Care
On hospital safety practices and outcomes

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On testing anthrax vaccine in children and here's a summary

On measles: "you might be responsible for the death of another child or an infant who can't be vaccinated,"

On an updated version of pox parties

On tweets and the spread of disease or vaccination

On a $433 million smallpox deal

Misconduct Concerns
Fraud in social psychology research
And more

On Wakefield’s research

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On abortion for sex selection

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On the dead donor rule

On legalizing organ sales

On liver transplants in alcoholics

Other web material/etc
Podcasts
Caplan A. Ethically dubious: prisoners and organ donations. The Bioethics Channel.
December 2, 2011

The Virtual Mentor issue for December is on “Educating for Professionalism”

Abuse & Neglect/Punishments/Foster Care
On a 200 pound 8 year old

Access to care
A British case-on cosmetic surgery after weight loss

Conscience and Conscientious Objection
On nurses and abortion patients

Disability/Birth Defects/Eugenics
On Down's syndrome

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On drug “scalpers”

Emergency Care/Emergency Rooms/Disasters
On energy drinks and ed visits

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On assisted dying in Canada

On “palliative sedation”

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On companies and antivaccine advertisements

Medical Error
On an error in a selective termination

Misconduct Concerns
On doctors writing incorrect sick notes in Wisconsin

Professionalism
On the practice of celebrity medicine

Publications/Authorship/Retractions
On a modified H5N1 virus

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On a legal case involving use of sperm for IVF without permission
On the start of pregnancy

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On stem cells from breast milk

On cord blood for stem cell transplant

On stem cells and eye disease

On the international stem cell conference

Technology/ Social Media
On medical errors and computerized patient records

Terrorism/Bioterrorism/etc.
On bird flu research

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On kidney donation to strangers

On paying donors of stem cells

Blog, Board and Forum Posts
On overtesting/overtreating

History/Movies//Media/Arts
On Chimborazo, a civil war hospital in Richmond

December 13, 2011

Altruism/Volunteerism/NGO/Service
On volunteer physicians and malpractice insurance in Washington

Communication/Relationships/compassion
From an MS patient on trust

Development/ADD/Autism/Discipline/Consciousness
On autism numbers. Should we give a diagnosis just to obtain services?
Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On drug stores refusing to fill pain scripts

Education/Mentors/testing
On teaching ethics/philosophy to young people

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On the “Liverpool Care Pathway” in Britain

On a toddler shot during filming of a music video

On how doctors die

On longevity vs quality of life

Human Rights
On x passports in Australia

Oncology
On receiving a diagnosis of breast cancer

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
Many articles on plan b:
http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203413304577084560710472558.html

Research & Experimental Treatments
On reproducing study results

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On “stem cells: old vs new”

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On selling kidneys

On risks for kidney donors

On movies
Contagion. Nick Yates reviewed this movie in the December issue of our Newsletter. The movie is on an epidemic and includes issues of research, who should receive vaccines first in an epidemic and the duties of medical professionals.
January 4, 2012

This month's Virtual Mentor is on vaccinations.

**Access to care**
On providing care for demonstrators

**Communication/Relationships/compassion**
On “provider”

**Conscience and Conscientious Objection**
On nurses and abortion in New Jersey

**End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation**
More on Dr Murray’s “How Doctors Die.”

**Family /Clans/Tribes**
On defining family

**Gifts/sponsorships**
On gifts from patients

**Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics**
On manufacturing influenza

On H5N1 and publication of information

**Misconduct Concerns**
On the “Xinjiang Procedure”

**Placebos**
Are placebos unethical?

**Quality of Care/Peer Review/ Comparative Effectiveness**
On cost effective care and physician decisions

**Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion**
On donating sperm

On embryos and divorced couples
Sports & orthopedics
On the ethics of genetic testing in sports

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On consent for stem cell research
On breast milk stem cells

Technology/ Social Media
On distracted doctoring

Terrorism/Bioterrorism/etc.
Passmore L. The ethics and politics of force-feeding terror suspects in west German prisons. Social History of Medicine. 2012. Published online 12/6/11.

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On financial incentives to bone marrow donors
On transplants
On the 9th circuit decision on bone marrow

Other web material/etc.
History/Movies//Media/Arts
Wilson D. What can history do for bioethics? Bioethics. 2012. Published online 12/13/11
A website on films

January 18, 2012

Access to care
On blocking parental access to a neonatal unit

Communication/Relationships/compassion
On hugging

Drugs/Pharmacology/Pharmacists
On money paid to doctors
More on parsimonious
From the Merriam-Webster dictionary—“frugal to the point of stinginess”

End-of-Life Care/Dying/Futility/ Palliative Sedation
On grieving for newborns

Euthanasia, Suicide, Physician-Assisted-Suicide, Infanticide
On decriminalization of assisted suicide in Canada

Family /Clans/Tribes
On telling children about BRCA mutations

Genetics/Testing/Genetic Databases/Biobanks
On genetic testing in sports

Infectious disease/Vaccinations/Epidemics
On disappearing diseases

Legal
Andrew Wakefield has filed a lawsuit against a reporter, and BMJ’s editor

Media/Informatics/EMR’s/Medical Records/ Internet
On patient access to medical records

Misconduct Concerns
On problems in the radiology board exams

Publications/Authorship/Retractions
On HR 3699: the research works act

Reproduction, Contraception, Assisted Reproduction, Abortion
On transferring embryos

On delaying disclosure of fetal sex until 30 weeks of age

Research & Experimental Treatments
On publication of possibly dangerous information

On the risks of dangerous research

Stem cells/Embryos/Cord Blood/Chimeras/Clones
On chimeric monkeys

On unapproved stem cell treatments
Technology/ Social Media
On ethics traps in social networking

Transplants/Transfusions/Tissue Donations
On the Amelia Rivera case and more and even more.

Other web material/etc.
Blog, Board and Forum Posts
Thoughts on board certification

History/Movies/Media/Arts