PHILOSOPHY 344: SPRING 2003
MEDICAL ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE
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MW 3:00–4:50

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REQUIRED TEXTS:
Course Packet (Available at Budget Printing Center 974 Trowbridge Road).

ASSIGNMENTS and GRADING:
Take-home Exam 1 (10%): Due at the beginning of class Monday, February 10th.
Narrative Illness Project (15%): Due at the beginning of class Wednesday, February 26th.
Values History Interview Project (15%): Due at the beginning of class Wednesday, March 19th.
Take-home Exam 2 (25%): Due at the beginning of class Monday March 31st.
Take-home Exam 3 (25%): Due by 5:00 pm on the day scheduled for the final exam.

CALENDAR:
Monday, January 6: Introduction and Overview of Course

PART 1: MEDICINE AND MORAL THEORY

Wednesday, January 8: Case Study: Experimental Design and Clinical Trials in Developing Countries
Readings: BE 253-72 (Hellman and Hellman, Freedman, Angell, Varmus and Satcher)

Monday, January 13: Theory I: Utilitarianism and Deontology
Readings: BE 1-27

Wednesday, January 15: Theory II: Virtue, Care, Casuistry, and Reflective Equilibrium
Reading: BE 28-37

Monday, January 20: NO CLASS

Wednesday, January 22: Theory IV: Autonomy
Reading: BE38-49

Monday, January 27: Patient-Physician Relationship
Reading: BE 71-84 (Childress and Siegler, Ackerman)

Wednesday, January 29: Internal Morality of Medicine
Reading: BE: 66-70 (Hippocratic Oath, Council, Pellegrino)
Guest Speaker: Dr. Howard Brody

Monday, February 3: Stories, Cases, and the Truth
Reading:
Guest Speaker: Professor Hilde Nelson

PART 2: BIOETHICS IN THE CLINIC
Wednesday, February 5: The Right to Refuse Treatment  
Reading: BE 109-116 (Buchanan and Brock, Tomlinson)

Monday, February 10: Informed Consent  
Reading: BE 93-108 (Robinson, President’s Commission, Brody)

Wednesday, February 12: NO CLASS

Monday, February 17: Review of Informed Consent Documents and Futility  
Reading: BE 340-49 (Wicclair, Brody)

Wednesday, February 19: Defining Death  
Reading: BE 307-324 (President’s Commission, Culver and Gert, Benjamin)

Monday, February 24: Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Death I  
Reading: BE 398-406 (Rachels, Callahan, Brock)

Wednesday, February 26: Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Death II  
Reading: selections from BE 407-443

Monday, March 3: NO CLASS

Wednesday, March 5: NO CLASS

Monday, March 10: Choosing For Others I  
Reading: BE 350-69 (Brock, Mappes, Cantor)

Wednesday, March 12: Choosing For Others II  
Reading: BE 187-207 (Hardwig, Brody, Mappes and Zembaty)

*Monday, March 17: Organ Transplantation: Allocation  
Reading: TBA

*Wednesday, March 19: Organ Transplantation: Procurement  
Reading: TBA

Part 3: Bioethics at the Beginning of Life

Monday, March 24: Abortion  
Reading: BE 454-477 (Pope, Warren, Marquis, Thomson, Callahan)

Wednesday, March 26: Abortion  
Reading: BE 478-489 (Court Opinions, Sherwin)

Monday, March 31: Surrogacy  
Reading: BE 546-560 (Murray, Steinbock, Rothman)

Wednesday, April 2: Maternal-Fetal Conflicts  
Reading: BE 490-503 (Murray, Tong)

Monday, April 7: Prenatal Testing  
Reading: BE 516-27 (Kass, Purdy)

Wednesday, April 9: Cloning and Stem Cell Research  
Reading: BE 561-76 (Kass, NBAC, Callahan, Wachbroit)

Monday, April 14: Genetic Engineering  
Reading: BE 577-94 (Walters and Palmer, Anderson, Glover)
Part 4: The Economics of Healthcare

Wednesday, April 16: Rationing
Reading: BE 627-49 (Callahan, Daniels, Wikler)
Guest Speaker: Professor Len Fleck

Monday, April 21: Managed Care
Reading: BE 650-65 (Christensen, Buchanan)

Wednesday, April 23: Conclusion