

**ETHICAL ISSUES IN PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**HS 249L**  
**Winter Quarter 2007**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:50 PM**  
**Room 61-269 CHS**

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**Purpose:** The aims of this course are (1) to acquaint students with ethical aspects of public health, health policy, and management of health services, as distinguished from the ethical aspects of the individual doctor-patient relationship; (2) to explore the impact of legislation and policy decisions on the scope of ethical decision-making; and (3) to develop the ability of students to analyze ethical issues in support of public health policies.

**Methods:** The course will be conducted through a combination of lecture, case discussions and debates, as well as class discussion.

**Course requirements:**

- 1) Mid-term examination: Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 1-3PM.
- 2) Class participation, case discussion and debates.
- 3) An issue paper (8-10 pages) on an issue in health care, setting forth an ethical problem in health policy or management, providing differing points of view, options for solution, and your recommendation and reasons, including references. This should be stimulated by a current article in the press/media. You should meet with Dr. Ganz or the teaching assistant no later than February 18 to discuss the topic you have selected and obtain approval.

**This paper is due March 15, 2007, by 5PM. The papers will be presented and discussed in the last 4 sessions of class.**

**Textbooks:** Reader available at Course Reader Material, 1137 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024, phone 310-443-3303.

<b>Grading and evaluation:</b>	Mid-Term	30%
	Class participation	30%
	Paper	30%
	Presentation of paper	10%

**Description of Class Sessions and Speakers  
Winter, 2007**

Introduction

Session 1: Tues, Jan 9      Introduction to the course  
Framework for Ethical Issues & Public Health      P. Ganz

Session 2: Thurs, Jan 11      A Primer on Ethical Philosophies      B. Herman

Ethical Issues Primarily Related to Policy

Session 3: Tues, Jan 16      Ethical Issues related to Access to Care  
Vulnerable Populations      N. Ponce

Session 4: Thurs, Jan 18      Student Case Discussions      P. Ganz

Session 5: Tues, Jan 23      Ethical Issues and the Aging Population      E. Abel

Session 6: Thurs, Jan 25      Ethical Issues Related to Research      P. Ganz

Session 7: Tues, Jan 30      Ethical Issues and the Pharmaceutical Industry      J. Hoffman

Session 8: Thurs, Feb 1      Attacks on Science: The risks to Evidence-based      L. Rosenstock

Session 9: Tues, Feb 6      Privacy/confidentiality and health care research      K. Atchison

Session 10: Thurs, Feb 8      Ethical Aspects of the Genetics Revolution      M. Scheuner

Session 11: Tues, Feb 13      Mid-Term Examination

Ethical Issues Primarily Related to Management

Session 12: Thurs, Feb 16      Reproductive Health, Ethical Issues in Health Care      Paula Tavrow

Session 13: Tues, Feb 20      Ethical Issues in Health Administration      P. Parkerton/  
D. Hilberman

Session 14: Thurs, Feb 22      Student Case Discussions      P. Parkerton/  
D. Hilberman

Session 15: Tues, Feb 27      Hospital Ethics Committees      N. Wenger

Session 16: Thurs, Mar 1      Ethical Dilemmas in Managed Care      J. Kozakowski

Session 17: Tues, Mar 6      Student Presentations

Session 18: Thurs, Mar 8      Student Presentations

Session 19: Tues, Mar 13      Student Presentations

Session 20: Thurs, Mar 15      Student Presentations

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**Bibliography for Course Reader – Required Readings**

**Session 1**

**January 9, 2007      FRAMEWORK FOR ETHICAL ISSUES & PUBLIC HEALTH**

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Levin BW, Fleischman AR. Public Health and Bioethics. *Am J Pub Health* 92:165-167, 2002.

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**Session 2**

**January 11, 2007      A PRIMER ON ETHICAL PHILOSOPHIES**

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Callahan D. Ends and means: the goals of health care (Chapter 1), in Danis M, Clancy C, Churchill LR (ed): Ethical Dimensions of Health Policy 1:3-18, Oxford University Press, 2002

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Calman KC, Downie RS. Ethical principles and ethical issues in public health, in Detels R, Holland WW, et al (ed): Oxford Textbook of Public Health – The Scope of Public Health V1 23:391-402, Oxford University Press, 1997

Roemer JE. Equality and Responsibility. *Boston Review* April/May 1995.

**Session 3**

**January 16, 2007      ETHICAL ISSUES RELATED TO ACCESS TO CARE; VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Mullen K, Curtice L. The disadvantaged - their health needs and public health initiatives. Oxford Textbook of Public Health – Third Edition - The Practice of Public Health V5 25:1517-1535, Oxford Medical Publications, 1997

Bindman AB, Grumbach K, Osmond D, et al. Preventable hospitalizations and access to health care. *JAMA* 274(4):305-311, 1995.

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Krieger N. Stormy weather: race, gene expression, and the science of health disparities. *Am J Public Health*. 95(12):2155-60, 2005.

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#### **Session 4**

#### **January 18, 2007     STUDENT CASE DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATE**

Materials to be distributed in class.

#### **Session 5**

#### **January 23, 2006     ETHICAL ISSUES AND THE AGING POPULATION**

Leslie Pickering Francis, "Age Rationing under Conditions of Injustice." Chapter 22, in Rhodes, R., Battin, M.P., Silvers, A. (eds). *Medicine and Social Justice*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2002.

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#### **Session 6**

#### **January 25, 2007     ETHICAL ISSUES RELATED TO RESEARCH**

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Lurie P, Wolfe S. Unethical trials of interventions to reduce perinatal transmission of the immunodeficiency virus in developing countries. *New England Journal of Medicine* 337:853-856, 1997.

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#### **Session 7**

#### **January 30, 2007     ETHICAL ISSUES AND THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY**

Wilkes MS, Doblin BH, Shapiro MF. Pharmaceutical Advertising in leading medical journals: experts' assessments. *Ann Intern Med* 116:912-9, 1992.

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Hannigan JE. Direct drug advertising to consumers: When pharma plays doctor. Journal of Clinical Oncology 21(17):3375, 2003.

Hoffman JR, Cooper RJ. Efforts to ban direct-to-consumer advertising in New Zealand: a call to action. Br J Gen Pract 53:267-9, 2003

### **Session 8**

#### **February 1, 2007     **ATTACKS ON SCIENCE: THE RISKS TO EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY****

Rosenstock, L. Protecting special interests in the name of "good science". JAMA, 295(20), 2407-10, 2006.

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### **Session 9**

#### **February 6, 2007     **PRIVACY/CONFIDENTIALITY AND HEALTH CARE RESEARCH****

Kass NE, Natowicz MR, Chandros Hull S, Faden RR, Platinga L, Gostin LO, Slutsman J. The use of medical records in research: what do patients want? J of Law, Medicine & Ethics. 31.3(Fall2003):429-433.

Verity C, Nicoll A. Consent, confidentiality, and the threat to public health surveillance. BMJ 324:1210-3, 2002.

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Gunn, PP, Fremont, AM, Bottrell, M, et al. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule: a practical guide for researchers. Medical Care, 42(4), 321-7, 2004.

### **Session 10**

#### **February 8, 2007     **ETHICAL ASPECTS OF THE GENETICS REVOLUTION****

Clayton EW. Ethical, legal, and social implications of genomic medicine. New England Journal of Medicine 349(6):562-569, 2003.

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Greely HT. Banning genetic discrimination. *New Engl J Med* 353(9):865-867, 2005.

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### **Session 11**

**February 13, 2007**

### **MID-TERM EXAMINATION**

### **Session 12**

**February 15, 2007**

### **ETHICAL ISSUES IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE**

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### **Session 13**

**February 20, 2006**

### **ETHICAL ISSUES IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

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### **Session 14**

**February 22, 2007**

### **STUDENT CASE DISCUSSIONS**

Materials to be distributed in class.

### **Session 15**

**February 27, 2007 HOSPITAL ETHICS COMMITTEES**

Pearson, S.D., Sabin, J.E., Emanuel, E.J.: *NO MARGIN, NO MISSION: Health-Care Organizations and the quest for Ethical Excellence*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2003, Chapter 3, Organizational Ethics.

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### **Session 16**

**March 1, 2007**

### **ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN MANAGED CARE**

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