

**ETHICAL ISSUES IN PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**HS 249L**  
**Winter Quarter 2005**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-3 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 judicial 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: Thursday, February 10, 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 one of the faculty no later than February 18 to discuss the topic you have selected and obtain approval.

**This paper is due March 15 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, 2005**

Introduction

Session 1: Thurs, Jan 6	Introduction to the course Framework for Ethical Issues & Public Health	P. Ganz R. Roemer
Session 2: Tues, Jan 11	Rawls and Distributive Justice	T. Rice
Session 3: Thurs, Jan 13	A Primer on Ethical Philosophies	B. Herman

Ethical Issues Primarily Related to Policy

Session 4: Tues, Jan 18	Ethical Issues related to research	P. Ganz
Session 5: Thurs, Jan 20	Student Case Discussions Debate: The role of privacy/confidentiality and health care research	K. Atchison
Session 6: Tues, Jan 25	Ethical Issues related to Access to Care Vulnerable Populations	N. Ponce
Session 7: Thurs, Jan 27	Student Case Discussions Debate: Can we afford universal health care for all?	Roemer, Ganz
Session 8: Tues, Feb 1	Ethical Aspects of the Genetics Revolution	L. Rothenberg
Session 9: Thurs, Feb 3	Attacks on Science: The risks to Evidence-based Policy	L. Rosenstock
Session 10: Tues, Feb 8	Ethical Issues and the Pharmaceutical Industry	J. Hoffman
Session 11: Thurs, Feb 10	Mid-Term Examination	

Ethical Issues Primarily Related to Management

Session 12: Tues, Feb 15	Ethical Issues in Health Administration	D. Hilberman P. Parkerton
Session 13: Thurs, Feb 17	Student Case Discussions	Hilberman, Parkerton
Session 14: Tues, Feb 22	Hospital Ethics Committees	N. Wenger
Session 15: Thurs, Feb 24	Ethical Issues in the Delivery of Reproductive Health Services	R. Roemer
Session 16: Tues, Mar 1	Ethical Dilemmas in Managed Care	J. Kozakowski
Session 17: Thurs, Mar 3	Student Presentations	
Session 18: Tues, Mar 8	Student Presentations	

Session 19: Thurs, Mar 10 Student Presentations

Session 20: Tues, Mar 15 Student Presentations

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**Bibliography for Course Reader – Required Readings**

**Session 1**

**Thurs, Jan 6 FRAMEWORK FOR ETHICAL ISSUES & PUBLIC HEALTH**

Kass NE. Public Health Ethics: From Foundations and Frameworks to Justice and Global Public Health. *J of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 32:232-242, 2004.

Callahan D, Jennings B. Ethics and Public Health. *Am J Pub health* 92:169-176, 2002.

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

Roberts MJ, Reich MR. Ethical Analysis in Public Health. *The Lancet* 359:1055-59, 2002.

**Session 2**

**Tues, Jan 11 RAWLS AND DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE**

Selected Readings from John Rawls

Selected Readings from Robert Nozick *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*, Basic Books, 1974.

**Session 3**

**Thurs, Jan 13 A PRIMER ON ETHICAL PHILOSOPHIES**

Beauchamp TL, Walters L (ed). Ethical theory and bioethics (Chapter 1). Contemporary issues in bioethics 1:1-32, Belmont, CA, Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1999

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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

**Session 4**

**Tues, Jan 18 ETHICAL ISSUES RELATED TO RESEARCH**

Lo B. Values in research: picking research priorities ethically (Chapter 17), in Danis M, Clancy C, Churchill LR (ed): Ethical Dimensions in Health Policy 17:337-354, Oxford University Press, 2002

Iezzoni LI. Ethical considerations in conducting health-care research: protecting privacy (Chapter 18), in Danis M, Clancy C, Churchill LR (ed): Ethical Dimensions in Health Policy 18:355-378, Oxford University Press, 2002

Kolata G, Eichenwald K. Business thrives on unproven care, leaving science behind. The New York Times October 3, 1999

Emanuel EJ, Wendler D, Grady C. What makes clinical research ethical? JAMA 283(20):2701-2711, 2000.

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.

Varmus, H, Satcher D. Ethical complexities of conducting research in developing countries. New England Journal of Medicine 337:1003-1005, 1997

### **Session 5**

**Thurs, Jan 20           STUDENT CASE DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATE**

Materials to be distributed in class

### **Session 6**

**Tues, Jan 25   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 1995;274(4):305-311

Starfield, B. Access – perceived or real, and to what? JAMA 1995;274(4):346-347

Grumbach, K. Insuring the uninsured. Time to end the aura of invisibility. JAMA 2000;284(16):2114-2116

Brock DW. Health resource allocation for vulnerable populations (Chapter 15), in Danis M, Clancy C, Churchill LR (ed): Ethical Dimensions in Health Policy 15:283-309, Oxford University Press, 2002

Danis M, Patrick DL. Health policy, vulnerability, and vulnerable populations (Chapter 16), in Danis M, Clancy C, Churchill LR (ed): Ethical Dimensions in Health Policy 16:310-334, Oxford University Press, 2002

### **Session 7**

**Thurs, Jan 27      STUDENT CASE DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATE**

Materials to be distributed in class

### **Session 8**

**Tues, Feb 1    ETHICAL ASPECTS OF THE GENETICS REVOLUTION**

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

Wilson JF. How cloning could change medicine. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 2003;139(6):535-538

Annas GJ. The Icelandic healthcare database and informed consent. *New England Journal of Medicine* 2000;342(24):1827-1833

Cooper RS, Kaufman JS, Ward R. Race and genomics. *New England Journal of Medicine* 2003;348(12):1166-1170

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### **Session 9**

**Thurs, Feb 3    ATTACKS ON SCIENCE: THE RISKS TO EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY**

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Dickersin K, Rennie D. Registering Clinical Trials. *JAMA* 290:516-523, 2003.

Steinbrook R. Disparities in health Care—From Politics to Policy. *N Engl J Med* 350:1486-88, 2004.

### **Session 10**

**Tues, Feb 8    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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Wazana A. Physicians and the pharmaceutical industry – Is a gift ever just a gift? *JAMA* 2000;283(3):373-380

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

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 11**

**Thurs, Feb 10            MID-TERM EXAMINATION**

### **Session 12**

**Tues, Feb 15    ETHICAL ISSUES IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

Higgins W. Ethical guidance in the era of managed care: An analysis of the American College of Healthcare Executives' Code of Ethics. *Journal of Healthcare Management* 2000;45(1):32-42

Meslin EM, Lemieux-Charles L, Wortley JT. An ethics framework for assisting clinician-managers in resource allocation decision making. *Hospital and Health Services Administration* 1997;42(1):33-48

Driscoll DM, Hoffman WM, Murphy JE. Business ethics and compliance: What management is doing and why? (Chapter 1) Organizational Effects in the Compliance Context 1:32-58, Waltham, MA, John Abbott Worthley Health Administration Press, 1999

Cotler MP. Ethical issues in risk-based contracting (Chapter 29) in Boland P (ed): The Capitation Sourcebook – A practical guide to managing at-risk arrangements 29:567-584, Berkeley, CA, Boland Healthcare, 1996

### **Session 13**

**Thurs, Feb 17            STUDENT CASE DISCUSSIONS**

Materials to be distributed in class

### **Session 14**

**Tues, Feb 22**

### **HOSPITAL ETHICS COMMITTEES**

Darr K. Organizational responses to ethical problems (Chapter 5). Ethics in Health Services Management – Third Edition 5:75-95, Baltimore, MD, Health Professions Press, 1997

Schneiderman LJ, Gilmer T, Teetzel HD, et al. Effect of ethics consultations on nonbeneficial life-sustaining treatments in the intensive care setting – A randomized controlled trial. *JAMA* 2003;290(9):1166-1172

Lo B. Answers and questions about ethics consultations. *JAMA* 2003;290(9):1208-1210

### **Session 15**

**Thurs, Feb 24**

### **ETHICAL ISSUES IN THE DELIVERY OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

Teays W, Purdy LM. Abortion and reproductive freedom (Chapter 6). Bioethics, justice, and health care 6:445-495, Belmont, CA, Wadsworth Thomson Learning, Australia, 2001

Warren MA. Does distributive justice require universal access to assisted reproduction? (Chapter 32) in Rhodes R, Battin MP, Silvers A (ed), *Medicine and Social Justice – Essays on the distribution of health care* 32:426-437, Oxford University Press, 2002

### **Session 16**

**Tues, Mar 1 ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN MANAGED CARE**

Rodwin MA. Conflicts of Interest and Accountability in Managed Care: The Aging of Medical Ethics. *JAGS* 46:338-341, 1998.

Gostin LO. National health Information Privacy, Regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. *JAMA* 285:3015-3021, 2001.

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