SCHEDULE

All readings are in the 7th edition of Steinbock, Arras and London (SAL) unless otherwise indicated.

WEEK 1:  INTRODUCTION TO COURSE
Jan 27  Introduction to this course
Jan 29  Introduction to community service

WEEK 2:  MORAL REASONING IN THE MEDICAL CONTEXT,
Feb 3  Introduction to ethical thinking
Reading assignment:  SAL  pp. 1-41
Feb 5  Introduction to case analysis:  how to analyze a case

WEEK 3:  PATIENT & HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL ROLES
Feb 10  The health care system
Reading assignment:
SAL:  Foundations of the Health Professional-Patient Relationship  pp. 43-60
The Hippocratic Oath p. 61
Professional Medical Ethics:  AMA oath (see website)
Four Models of the Physician-Patient Relationship (Emmanuel) pp. 78-86
The Refutation of Medical Paternalism(Goldman) pp. 62-70
Why Doctors should intervene (Ackerman) pp. 73-77
Feb 12  The doctor-patient-institution-law complex
Cases
Beneficence Today, or Autonomy (Maybe) Tomorrow?   Pp. 70-73
Please don’t tell!  Pp. 123-125

WEEK 4:  COMMUNICATION, TRUTH AND DISCLOSURE
Feb 17  Privacy and confidentiality
Informed Consent - Must It Remain A Fairy Tale? (Katz) pp. 89-96
Bioethics in a Different Tongue (Blackhall et al) pp.101-109
Errors in Medicine (Bayliss) pp. 97-100
Feb 15  Capacity and consent or refusal
Cases
Antihypertensives and Impotence (Arras) pp. 87-88
Tarasoff    pp. 117-121

WEEK 5:  CAPACITY AND THE CAPABLE PATIENT
Feb 24  SAL Introduction to Part III,  pp. 323-337.
Deciding for Others: Competency (Buchanan and Brock) pp. 368-378
The Health Care Proxy and the Living Will (Annas) pp. 387-390
Enough:  The Failure of the Living Will (Fagerlin/Schneider) pp.391-401
Feb 26  Cases
Hand out Midterm—paper due next week.

WEEK 6: DECIDING FOR OTHERS: THE ONCE-CAPABLE PATIENT
March 3
Testing the Limits of Prospective Autonomy: Five Scenarios (Cantor) pp. 402-404
The Severely Demented Patient (Arras) pp. 420-428
Nutrition and Hydration (US Bishops) pp. 429-435
March 5
Theresa Schiavo (Wolfson) pp 405-409
“Human Non-Person” (Smith) pp 409-410
In The Matter of Claire C. Conway (N.J. Supreme Court) pp. 411-420

Midterm Due

WEEK 7: THE NEVER-CAPABLE PATIENT
March 10
Quality of Life and Non-Treatment Decisions for Incompetent Patients: (Dresser & Robertson) pp. 436-446
The Limits of Legal Objectivity (Rhoden) pp. 447-454
March 12
Sheila Pouliot (Ouellette) pp. 455-458
Extreme Prematurity and Parental Rights after Baby Doe (Robertson) pp. 459-466
Resuscitation of the Preterm Infant (Paris Schreiber and Elias-Jones) pp. 467-472

WEEK 8: ASSISTED DYING
March 17
Physician-Assisted Suicide: A Tragic View (Arras) pp. 477-483
Assisted Suicide: The Philosophers’ Brief (Dworkin) pp. 484-496
Euthanasia (Battin) pp. 496-511
March 19
Death and Dignity: A Case of Individualized Decision Making (Quill) pp. 473-477
Hand out Second Paper Topic: due after Spring break

March 24-26: Spring Break NO CLASSES

WEEK 9: ORGANS AND TRANSPLANTATION
March 31
Fairness in Allocation and delivery (Childress) web
Equality, Justice and Rightness (Veatch) web
The Case for Allowing Kidney Sales (Radcliffe-Richards et al) pp.297-299
An Ethical Market in Human Organs (Erin and Harris) pp.300
Body Values (Joralemon and Cox) pp. 301-308

April 2
Sarah Jensen handout: web or ILearn

Paper II: Due: Debbie v. Diane

WEEK 10: RESEARCH ETHICS

April 7
The Nuremburg Code p 739
The Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital Case (Arras) pp. 740-748
The Willowbrook Hepatitis Studies (Rothman and Rothman) pp. 749-752
Racism and Research: The Case of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study (Brandt) pp. 753-765
The Belmont Report: Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research pp. 764-770

April 9: NO CLASS

WEEK 11: NEW REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND CLONING

April 14
SAL Introduction to Part IV: pp. 535-545
Presumptive Primacy of Procreative Liberty (Robertson) pp. 599-609
Instruction on Respect for Human Life (Vatican) pp. 609-617
What are Families for? (Murray) pp. 618-622
Grade A: The Market for a Yale Woman’s Eggs (Cohen) pp. 623-626
Payment for Egg Donation (Steinbock) pp. 627-636
The Case against Cloning-to-Produce-Children (President’s Council on Bioethics) pp. 637-650
Reproductive Cloning: Another Look (Steinbock) pp. 651-660

April 16
Making Babies (Kass) posted on Web or ILearn
The Wisdom of Repugnance (Kass) posted on Web or ILearn
Using Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis to Save a Sibling: The Story of Molly and Adam Nash (Steinbock) pp. 704-706

Handout: PLoS

WEEK 12: Enhancement

April 21
The Designer Baby Myth (Pinker) pp. 845-847
Genetic Intervention and the Ethics of Enhancement of Human Beings (Savelescu) pp. 879-889
The Case Against Perfection: What’s Wrong with Designer Children, Bionic Athletes, and Genetic Engineering (Sandel) pp. 890-899
Anyone for Tennis, at the Age of 150? (Bailey) pp. 900-902

April 23

Third paper due: Enhancement
WEEK 13: MEDICAL GENETICS
April 28
Ethical Issues in Human Genome Research (Thomas Murray) Posted on Web
Somatic and Germ-Line Therapies (Sherman Elias) Posted on Web
Heredity and Humanity: Have No Fear, Genes Aren’t Everything (Collins, Weiss, and Hudson) pp.553-557
Ethical Issues in Human Gene Transfer Research (Juengst and Walters) pp. 571-584
Germ-Line Gene Therapy: No Place in Treatment of Genetic Disease (Danks) pp. 592-594

April 30

WEEK 14: JUSTICE AND HEALTH CARE I
May 5
The Doctor's Master (Levinsky) pp. 129-131
Fiscal Scarcity and the Inevitability of Bedside Budget Balancing (Moreim) pp. 132-137
Equal Opportunity and Health Care (Daniels) pp. 164-167
Class, Health, and Justice (Marchand, Wikler, and Landesman) pp. 167-176
Freedom and Moral Diversity: The Moral Failures of Health Care in the Welfare State (Engelhardt) pp. 177-186

May 7

WEEK 15: JUSTICE AND HEALTH CARE II
May 12
The Individual vs. Society: Resolving the Conflict (Eddy) pp. 194-201
Toward a Broader View of Values in Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Health (Menzel, Gold, Nord, Pinto-Prades) pp.201-210
The Genome Project, Individual Differences, and Just Health Care (Daniels) pp.236-240

May 14
LAST DAY OF CLASS
FINAL JOURNAL DUE