

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

Offering Truth (Freedman) pp.110-116.

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

State of Tennessee Department of Human Services vs. Mary C. Northern and Transcript of Proceedings: Testimony of Mary C. Northern pp. 361-368
 A Chronicle: Dax's Case As It Happened pp. 379-386
 Old Enough: Hastings Center Report 37 (6) 15-16 (web)

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: Ethically Acceptable in Principle (Walters and Gage) pp. 584-592

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, Wikkler, 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