

PHEN Communiqué: May 2010

Dear PHEN Member,

PHEN sends this *PHEN Communiqué* to members on a monthly basis, providing announcements and information on health ethics resources and events. If you do not wish to receive this monthly email bulletin, please reply to this email and write "unsubscribe" in the subject heading.

PHEN Announcements

Shared Office Space on 124 Street, Edmonton

PHEN is currently looking for an individual or organization with which to share the Edmonton office. It would be the ideal space for a consultant, writer, student or small organization that is looking for some quiet workspace. Those with a penchant for sharing home-baked goodies with officemates are encouraged to inquire. For more information, please contact Amy at middleton@phen.ab.ca or 780.447.1180

Other Announcements and Events

Extreme Sports: Thrills, Spills and the Ethics of Care & Rescue

Banff, AB: May 31, 2010, 7 - 8:30 pm

Great Room, Banff YWCA

The Covenant Health Banff Mineral Springs Hospital Ethics Committee is hosting this evening of discussion and debate on the ethics of extreme sports and their impact of the health care system. For more info, please contact Katy MacFarlane at 403.760.7204

Ethical Challenges in Pediatric End-of-Life Decision-Making

Edmonton, AB and via Telehealth: June 3, 2010, 12:05 - 12:55 pm

Room 4511, Children's Centre, Royal Alexandra Hospital

Speaker: Anna Zadunayski, Resident in Clinical Ethics, Royal Alexandra Hospital. To book Telehealth, please call your local Telehealth coordinator.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Calgary, AB: June 9, 2010, 7:30 pm

Sheraton Suites Eau Claire, 255 Barclay Parade SW
Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership is hosting this evening with Rebecca Skloot, who will discuss ethical issues in her bestseller *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. Henrietta Lacks' cells were used to develop cancer treatments, in vitro fertilization and cloning without her knowledge. There is no charge to attend the event, but registration is required. For more info, please visit <https://secure.lexi.net/chumir/flagler2010.php>

Clinical Ethics in Alberta, Canada and the World: Reflections on Two Recent Bioethics Conferences

Edmonton, AB and via Telehealth: June 17, 2010, 12:05 - 12:55 pm
Room 4511, Children's Centre, Royal Alexandra Hospital
Speaker: Gary Goldsand, Ethicist, Royal Alexandra Hospital. To book Telehealth, please call your local Telehealth coordinator.

Moral Distress in Health Care Symposium

Vancouver, BC: September 18 - 19, 2010
This unique symposium will engage international, national and local scholars to advance policy, practice and research agendas on moral distress in health care. An interactive and engaging format will generate lively dialogue. For more info and to register, please visit <http://nursing.uvic.ca/home/MoralDistressinHealthCareSymposium.php>

Philosophizing Social Justice in Nursing

Vancouver, BC: September 20 - 22, 2010
This 14th International Philosophy of Nursing Conference is being organized around the theme *Philosophizing Social Justice in Nursing*. For more info, please visit <http://www.nursing.ubc.ca/IPONS/>

International Conference on Healthcare Rationing

Rotterdam, Netherlands: December 9 - 10, 2010
The Erasmus Observatory has organized this international conference in order to bring a wide range of perspectives together to consider the values involved in health care rationing and the impact of policy decisions on the expression of these values. For more info, please visit <http://www.erasmusobservatoryonhealthlaw.nl/healthcarerationing/>

Certificate in Clinical Ethics & Health Policy

The Center for Practical Bioethics, Apple's iPad group and The American Journal of Bioethics have joined to offer an online Certificate Program in Clinical Ethics. Applicants are encouraged to apply by June 1, however,

applications will be accepted until the Fall class is filled. For more info, please visit <http://bioethics.org/>

Health Ethics in the News

PHEN posts links to current news articles related to health ethics at <http://www.phen.ab.ca> - a few of the most recent articles are outlined below. Some of these sites require registration with the external website, but registration is free and only needs to be completed once.

Should Laws Push for Organ Donation?

<http://roomfordebate.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/05/02/should-laws-encourage-organ-donation/>

The Moral Life of Babies

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/09/magazine/09babies-t.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

Fill End-of-Life Care Gaps: Cancer Group

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2010/05/19/cancer-canada-statistics.html>

White House Tackles 'Synthetic Life' Ethics

<http://www.genomeweb.com/white-house-tackles-synthetic-life-ethics>

Fertility Treatment Gets More Complicated

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304798204575183784267219258.html?mod=WSJ_Opinion_LEFTThirdBucket

Informed Consent: Hospitals Explore Personalizing Risks

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2010/05/17/prl20517.htm>

Nun Excommunicated, Loses Hospital Post Over Decision on Abortion

<http://www.catholicreview.org/subpages/storyworldnew-new.aspx?action=8164>

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