

PHEN Communiqué: November 2008

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PHEN Resources and Events

Introduction to Bioethics Distance Education Course 2009

The application deadline for PHEN's upcoming distance education course, *Introduction to Bioethics*, is December 5, 2008. The course, running from January- June, 2009, features several of the most respected bioethicists in North America. Course delivery mechanisms include DVDs, teleconferences and web-based discussion. For more info and to download a brochure and application form, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/disted/>

Health Ethics Week 2009 Website Launched

The theme for this year's Health Ethics Week, taking place March 2- 8, 2009, is *Nurturing Respect and Caring in Times of Transition*. This province-wide initiative is a time set aside for community organizations, health institutions and individuals to host events that explore ethics issues related to health and well-being. Publicity materials will be distributed in the coming weeks. For more information, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/ethicsweek/>.

Other Resources and Events

Legal Liability of Ethics Committees: Cause for Concern?

Edmonton: December 1, 2008, 11:30 am- 1:30 pm

Room 197, Law Centre (111 St. & 89 Ave.), University of Alberta

Members of Ethics Committees in the Edmonton area are invited to this presentation by Joe Miller, LLB and Mark Raven-Jackson, LLB. For more info and to RSVP, contact Sharon Luyendyk at 780.735.4195 or sharon.luyendyk@capitalhealth.ca

Ethics in the Emergency Department

Edmonton: December 4, 2008, 12:05 - 12:50 pm

Royal Alexandra Hospital, Room 4511 Children's Centre

Presenter: Julija Kelecevic, Bioethicist, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and the Collaborative Group. For more info and to RSVP, please contact Sharon Luyendyk at sharon.luyendyk@capitalhealth.ca or 780.735.4195

A Good Death for DNR? New Trends in Naming Treatment Goals

Edmonton: December 18, 2008, 12:05 - 12:50 pm

Royal Alexandra Hospital, Auditorium

Presenter: Gary Goldsand, Clinical Ethicist, Royal Alexandra Hospital. For more info and to RSVP, please contact Sharon Luyendyk at sharon.luyendyk@capitalhealth.ca or 780.735.4195

Can We Refuse To Care For Transplant Tourists?

Edmonton: December 19, 2008, 12 – 1 pm

Classroom 2-07, Heritage Medical Research Centre

Presenter: Dr. Brendan Leier, Clinical Ethicist, University of Alberta and Stollery Childrens Hospitals and John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre. For more info, please contact the Dossetor Centre at 780.492.6676

Imagining Science

Edmonton: until February 1, 2009

The Art Gallery of Alberta's new exhibition *Imagining Science*, examines the impact of the rapidly changing world of genetics, bio-technologies and human engineering and the ethical and legal challenges and controversies therein. Every Thursday evening, experts from the fields of philosophy, ethics, law, science and religion join AGA curators to lead tours through the exhibition. For more info, please

visit <http://www.artgalleryalberta.com/content/view/206/59/>

Call for Papers: The Ethics of Continuity in Health Care Services

In a context where health care services are changing, continuity is both a challenge and a promise. The 6th Conference of the Bioethics Program of the University of Montreal will focus on ethical issues related to continuity in health services. For more info on the conference and its call for papers, please visit <http://www.bioethique.umontreal.ca>

Employment Opportunity: Dalhousie University Department of Bioethics

Dalhousie University's Department of Bioethics invites applications for an Assistant or Associate Professor position. The position will include scholarly work; ethics education within the Faculty of Medicine, healthcare institutions and communities; and collaborative engagement with healthcare institutions, government and communities. For more info, please visit <http://bioethics.medicine.dal.ca>

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.

Seniors Tend to Stick With End-of-Life Care Preferences

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/10/27/AR2008102701910.html>

Wishes of Critically Ill Kids Should Be Recognized: Docs

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20081105/critically_ill_081105/20081105?hub=Health

British Girl, 13, Allowed to Refuse Heart Transplant

<http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2008/11/11/transplant.html>

It May Be a Good Job, But is it 'Good Work'?

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/16/jobs/16pre.html?_r=1&ref=business&oref=slogin

New Law Forces MB Hospitals to Report Gunshot, Stab Wounds

<http://www.canada.com/topics/bodyandhealth/story.html?id=fdd1f5c7-e9a3-4124-8cc1-6cfd448786ba>

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