


# Top 100 Bioethics Journals in the World

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I was curious to find out what the top 100 most cited bioethics journals of all time are after having completed the analysis of the “[Top 50 Bioethics Journals and Top 240 Most Cited Bioethics Articles Published Since 2009](#)”. Using Harzing’s [Publisher or Perish](#) software I analyzed over 52,000 articles published since 1945 (with nearly all articles being published in the last 45 years since 1970). The selection of journals included nearly all of the [Bioethics Research Library’s recommended bioethics journals](#) and then also many of the journals included in “ [Selected Bioethics Journals in The Physician’s Index for Ethics in Medicine](#)” by the [Philosopher’s Index](#). Non-English journals are also included, so you will see Spanish, French, German and Italian journals represented in this list. You can sort this list by multiple impact factors, including total citations, citations per year, cites per paper, and h5 index. Caveats about this analysis technique are available [here](#) (for example, Google Scholar only returns the top 1000 relevant citations for any given search). If you have additional journals that you feel should be represented in this list you may leave a comment on this post. As a follow-up to this post I plan to release an overall most cited articles list and a year-by-year analysis of top articles that may help share the trend of topics over time — another potential idea is to design a graphic using frequently used words in the article titles to show the breadth of topics covered by this collective scholarship.

What is Bioethics? Top article titles from 1995-2014. 

What is Bioethics? Top article titles from 1974-1995. 

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Journal	Papers Analyzed	Citations	Years	Cites_Year	Cites_Paper	h_index
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Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law	1000	34029	39	872.54	34.03	79
Journal of Medical Ethics	1000	41609	40	1040.23	41.61	76
Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics	1000	18252	38	480.32	18.25	70
Nursing Ethics	1000	21379	21	1018.05	21.38	61
Journal of Medicine and Philosophy	1000	22769	49	464.67	22.77	59
Bioethics	1000	18523	44	420.98	18.52	54
American Journal of Bioethics	1000	16410	62	264.68	16.41	54
Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal	657	10740	24	447.5	16.35	53
Environmental Values	1000	12165	23	78.48	12.17	50
Science and Engineering Ethics	1000	11424	20	571.20	11.42	44

Hastings Center Report	1000	9513	44	216.2	9.51	41
Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy	1000	8118	17	477.53	8.12	40
Health Care Analysis	1000	8459	44	192.25	8.46	40
Ethics and Behavior	592	6667	40	166.68	11.26	39
Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics	1000	8731	23	379.61	8.73	36
Journal of Applied Philosophy	1000	8154	33	247.09	8.15	35
Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics	763	6849	35	195.69	8.98	35
BMC Medical Ethics	360	4155	21	197.86	11.54	33
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice	813	4641	17	273	5.71	30
Journal of Legal Medicine	1000	4901	43	113.98	4.90	29

Developing World Bioethics	370	3224	14	230.29	8.71	27
Neuroethics	493	2566	13	197.38	5.2	27
Journal of Medical Humanities	746	3521	35	100.6	4.72	27
Journal of Religious Ethics	1000	5816	42	138.48	5.82	26
Nursing Philosophy	415	2635	32	82.34	6.35	26
American Journal of Law & Medicine	722	2478	40	61.95	3.43	25
Journal of Clinical Ethics	527	3013	26	115.88	5.72	25
Medical Law Review	804	3430	28	122.5	4.27	25
Medical Humanities	773	3297	37	89.11	4.27	25
Philosophy, Ethics & Humanities in Medicine	197	1845	9	205	9.37	24
The Journal of Value Inquiry	1000	4825	48	100.52	4.83	24

Clinical Ethics	1000	4010	49	81.84	4.01	24
Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics	381	2845	9	316.11	7.47	24
Medicine and Law	1000	4959	33	150.27	4.96	23
Public Health Ethics	575	2185	28	78.04	3.8	22
NanoEthics	239	1951	15	130.07	8.16	22
HEC Forum	832	3560	27	131.85	4.28	22
Acta Bioethica	938	2228	15	148.53	2.38	20
Ethik in der Medizin	1000	2547	28	90.96	2.55	20
European Journal of Health Law	765	2054	28	73.36	2.68	19
AJOB Neuroscience	440	1271	7	181.57	2.89	18
Journal of Bioethical Inquiry	606	1821	11	165.55	3	17

JONA's Healthcare Law, Ethics, and Regulation	265	1298	16	81.13	4.90	17
International Journal of Applied Philosophy	668	1515	36	42.08	2.27	17
IRB: Ethics and Human Research	129	1253	38	32.97	9.71	17
Accountabilit y in Research Policies	50	641	28	22.89	12.82	17
Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics	305	1098	20	54.9	3.6	15
Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics	219	936	20	46.8	4.27	14
Christian Bioethics	518	1634	28	58.36	3.15	14
Ethics in Science and Medicine	164	1112	40	27.8	6.78	14
Linacre Quarterly	1000	1202	70	17.17	1.2	13

The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy	101	505	31	16.29	5	13
Journal of Global Ethics	270	743	22	33.77	2.75	12
Zeitschrift für medizinische Ethik	178	818	27	30.3	4.60	12
National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly	1000	937	15	62.47	0.94	12
Metamedicine	60	318	35	9.09	5.3	11
Cuadernos de Bioética	1000	1232	25	49.28	1.23	11
Monash Bioethics Review	387	808	21	38.48	2.09	11
International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics	189	560	7	80	2.96	11
Genomics, Society & Policy	39	225	13	17.31	5.77	10
Virtual Mentor	1000	987	15	65.8	0.99	10

Human Life Review	360	494	41	12.05	1.37	10
AJOB Primary Research	109	407	5	81.40	3.73	10
Indian Journal of Medical Ethics	630	773	20	38.65	1.23	10
Revista de Derecho y Genoma Humano	644	553	21	26.33	0.86	9
Journal International de Bioéthique	543	1256	25	50.24	2.31	8
Ethics & Medicine: A Christian Perspective on Issues in Bioethics	86	247	29	8.52	2.87	8
Journal of Health Care Law & Policy	61	248	39	6.36	4.07	8
Genewatch	144	414	31	13.35	2.88	8
Medical Humanities Review	323	227	28	8.11	0.7	8



Journal of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine	419	413	7	59	0.99	8
Medicina e Morale	538	629	38	16.55	1.17	8
Perspectivas Bioéticas	57	242	19	12.74	4.25	7
Human Reproduction and Genetic Ethics	183	246	20	12.3	1.34	7
South African Journal of Bioethics and Law	168	291	7	41.57	1.73	7
Medicina y Ética	262	302	27	11.19	1.15	7
Jahrbuch für Wissenschaft und Ethik	68	284	20	14.2	4.18	7
NTM Zeitschrift für Geschichte der Wissenschaften, Technik und Medizin	283	312	52	6	1.10	7
Asian Bioethics Review	278	203	7	29	0.73	7

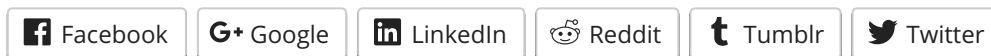
Jewish Medical Ethics	74	149	53	2.81	2.01	6
Issues in Law and Medicine	203	239	49	4.88	1.18	6
Revista de Bioética y Derecho	297	192	11	17.45	0.65	6
New Zealand Bioethics Journal	82	116	15	7.73	1.41	6
Medical Ethics & Bioethics Journal	27	38	16	2.38	1.41	5
Bioètica & Debat	628	148	20	7.4	0.24	5
Online Journal of Health Ethics	120	69	11	6.27	0.58	5
Penn Bioethics Journal	31	55	10	5.5	1.77	5
Bioethica Forum	78	156	17	9.18	2	5
Princeton Journal of Bioethics	35	76	18	4.22	2.17	5

Internet Journal of Law, Healthcare and Ethics	62	109	13	8.38	1.76	5
Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics	268	87	4	21.75	0.32	4
Journal of Ethics in Mental Health	15	137	17	8.06	9.13	3
Journal of Law and the Biosciences	70	41	19	2.16	0.59	3
Ethics and Medicine: An International Journal of Bioethics	61	60	16	3.75	0.98	3
Health Care Ethics, USA	90	51	23	2.22	0.57	3
Cahiers du Comité Consultatif National d'Éthique	41	21	20	1.05	0.51	3
Bioethics Outlook	4	10	12	0.83	2.5	2
Lahey Clinic Medical Ethics Journal	2	3	5	0.6	1.5	1

New Bioethics: A Multidiscipli nary Journal Of Biotechnolog y and the Body	27	6	3	2	0.22	1
The Journal of Hospital Ethics	3	2	7	0.29	0.67	1

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