SYLLABUS

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION - GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Spring Semester 1984 Room 217A ICC

BIOMEDICAL ETHICS IN RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR PERSPECTIVES – Dr. Isaac Franck
January 18 through May 2

The course will present a comparative survey of major ethical problems and old, that arise in connection with the practice of medicine and of related health-serving professions, such as nursing, dentistry, etc. Among the religious perspectives, attention will be given to the ethical and religious teachings of Judaism on bioethical problems, in relation to other religious views, and to doctrines of biomedical ethics prevalent in American culture.

Required Readings:

Beauchamp, Tom & Childress, James, PRINCIPLES OF BIOMEDICAL ETHICS, 2nd ed., Oxford, paper.

Beauchamp, Tom & Walters, LeRoy, CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN BIOETHICS, 2nd ed., Wadsworth.

Ashley, M. Benedict & O'Rourke, Kevin D., HEALTH CARE ETHICS, Catholic Hospital Association


Franck, Isaac, BIOMEDICAL ETHICS IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF JEWISH TEACHING AND TRADITION, College of Jewish Studies of Greater Washington, paper.

Veatch, Robert, A THEORY OF MEDICAL ETHICS, Basic Books, paper.

January 18 - Introductory Reflections -

Some Principles of Biomedical Ethics. Hippocratic Oath & other Codes.

Some axioms in religious traditions.

In Beauchamp & Childress, Chaps. 1, 3, 4, 5. pp. 3-18; 59-182.
In Beauchamp & Walters, Chap. 1, pp. 1-32.
In Veatch, PART III, Chap. 6., pp. 141-169.
In Ashley and O'Rourke, Chap. 7, pp. 157-178; Chap. 8, pp. 179-200.

January 26 - Some Religious Perspectives
February 1 - Sexuality, Artificial Insemination, In-Vitro Fertilization -

Ashley & O'Rourke, Chap. 10, pp. 288-307.
In Jakobovits, Appendix, pp. 244-250.
In Franck, I-IV, pp. 1-27.

February 8 - Contraception, Abortion, Prenatal Diagnosis -

In Beauchamp & Walters, Chapter 6, pp. 215-268.
In Jakobovits, Chapters 13, 14; pp. 153-191.
In Ashley & O'Rourke, Chapter 9, pp. 221-243.

February 15 - Defective Fetuses, Defective Newborns, "Baby Doe" -

In Veatch, Case 1, pp. 15ff.; Case 9, pp. 228 ff.; Case 10, pp. 252ff.
In Beauchamp & Walters, Chapter 8, pp. 351-365.

February 22 - Unbearable Pain in Terminal Patients -

In Beauchamp & Childress, Chap. 4, pp. 106-143.
In Ashley & O'Rourke, pp. 390-392.
In Jakobovits, (consult index).

February 29 - Patient Autonomy, Paternalism, Patient's Refusal of Treatment -

In Beauchamp & Childress, Chap. 3, pp. 59-105, Chap. 5, pp. 168-182.
In Veatch, Chap. 8., pp. 190-213.

March 7 - Definition of Death; Prolonging Living versus Prolonging Dying.

In Beauchamp & Walters, Chapter 7, pp. 269-306.
In Veatch, Chap. 10, pp. 240-250.
In Franck, V-XIII, pp. 28-57.
In Jakobovits, Chaps. 11 & 12, pp. 119-130.
In Ashley & O'Rourke, Chapter 13, pp. 366-375.

March 21 - Suicide; Euthanasia -

In Beauchamp & Childress, pp. 93-105; 115-143.
In Beauchamp & Walters, Chapter 8, pp. 307-350.
In Ashley & O'Rourke, Chapter 13, pp. 379-392.
In Jakobovits, pp. 123-123; pp. 251-294 (passim.).
In Franck, pp. 28-34; pp. 50-57.

March 28 - Medical Experimentation on Humans -

In Veatch, Case 8, p. 190.
In Beauchamp & Walters, Chapter 11, pp. 503-568.
In Ashley & O'Rourke, Chap. 9, pp. 247-257.

April 4 - Physician-Patient Relationships, Confidentiality, etc. -

In Beauchamp & Childress, Chap. 7, pp. 221--254.
In Veatch, Cases 3 & 4, pp. 108 & 141; Chap. 5, pp. 108-140; Chap. 9, pp. 214-;
In Beauchamp & Walters, Chap. 5, pp. 169-214.
In Ashley & O'Rourke, Chap. 5, pp. 106-123.
In Jakobovits, Chaps. 16, 17, 18i pp. 201-232.

April 11 - The Technological Revolution in Medicine: Emerging Ethical Issues -

In Beauchamp & Childress, Chapter 6, pp. 183-220.
In Beauchamp & Walters, Chapter 9, pp. 381-434.

April 18 - Psychotherapy and Ethics -

In Beauchamp & Walters, Chapter 2, pp. pp. 76-86; Chap. 4, pp. 148-168.
In Ashley & O'Rourke, Chap. 12, pp. 331-365.

April 26 - Genetic Engineering -

In Ashley & O'Rourke, Chap. 11, pp. 308-330.

May 2 - Retrospective Reflections and Discussion.

Course Requirements:
a) Critical reading of text assignments.
b) One brief research paper early in the Semester.
c) A substantial research paper one session before the end of the Semester.
d) A take-home Final Examination.