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Department of Community and Family Medicine
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AGING, ETHICS, AND HEALTH CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

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Schedule

October  29  Tuesday  10am - 12pm
           31  Thursday  1pm - 2pm

November  5   Tuesday  10am - 12pm
           7   Thursday  1pm - 2pm
          12  Tuesday  10am - 12pm
          14  Thursday  1pm - 5pm: Field Experience
          19  Tuesday  10am - 12pm
          21  Thursday  1pm - 3pm
          22  Tuesday  10am - 12pm

December  3   Tuesday  10am - 12pm
           5   Thursday  1pm - 3pm

Description:

We shall study some of the major ethical issues that arise in the provision of health care services to the elderly and in public policy that affect the quality of that care. We shall consider such topics as paternalism in geriatric medicine, the care of patients with diminished competence, long-term care and long-term care policy, and the aging physician.

The overall goal of this course is to assist you in beginning to develop an ethic for geriatric medicine.
Requirements and Grading:

Requirements and grading policy are the following: (1) Because this is a seminar, your preparation for each class and participation in class discussions are essential; (2) There is a required field experience on Thursday, November 14; and (3) A class presentation (20 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for discussion) will be expected. A complete outline, typed, of your presentation is due in class Tuesday, November 19. You must consult with one of the instructors about the topic for your presentation (including at least two references, one of which may be an assigned reading) to this consultation.

A grade of High Pass or Honors will be reserved for those of you who, in the joint judgement of the instructors, do superior work in the basic requirements.

1. **Tuesday, October 29**
   
   Introduction
   

2. **Thursday, October 31**
   
   Towards an Ethic for Geriatric Medicine - 1
   

3. **Tuesday, November 5**
   
   Towards an Ethic for Geriatric Medicine - 2
   

4. **Thursday, November 7**
   
   Paternalism in the Care of the Elderly
   
5. **Tuesday, November 12**

The Care of Elderly with Diminished Competence


6. **Thursday, November 14**

Field Experience

7. **Tuesday, November 19**

Long-Term Care


Jerry Avorn, "Benefit and Cost Analysis in Geriatric Care: Turning Age Discrimination into Health Policy," *NEJM* 310 (17 May 1984): 1294-1301

8. **Thursday, November 21**

Student Presentations

9. **Tuesday, December 3**

Student Presentations

10. **Thursday, December 5**

Student Presentations

Towards an Ethic for Geriatric Medicine - 3

The Aging Physician

