CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
CLINICAL ISSUES IN BIOETHICS

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SYLLABUS

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This course focuses on a wide range of moral problems which arise in the day-to-day practices of health care professionals: clinical trials of experimental drugs, assisted suicide, Patient Self-Determination Act, withholding diagnoses from patients, defective neonates, HIV-seropositivity in health care providers, restraining geriatric, pediatric and psychiatric patients, reporting substance abuse, mislabeling medications, on-line, over-the-phone diagnosis and treatment, patient selection criteria for organ transplants.

Students must self-document at least 20 hours of clinical experience. This may be from professional employment, volunteer work, or rotation prior to or during the course. Clinical experiences for students who have not already met this requirement can be arranged through the Program Director.

TEXT: None required. Journal articles on reserve, Classroom viewing of videotapes.

1/6 Introduction & Overview, course requirements, handout: how to write a clinical ethics paper. Assisted Suicide: Nursing Home Administration, Rehabilitation Therapy, Medicine, Nursing, Psychiatry. In class: videotape on burn patient, DAX Cowart. Read: Quill handout.

1/13 Discussion: PSDA implications for emergency medicine. Iserson article.

1/20 Martin Luther King Day Special: Bias in allocation of health care resources. Nursing Home Administration, Medicine, Nursing, Rehab Medicine. Read McCarthy & Kaatz article, Salih, Harvey, Frankel, Coupe, Webb, Cripps article.

1/27 Telephone Diagnosis/Unauthorized Practice: Sonography,
Pharmacy. Read: Kisslo & Adams article, McDonald, Rice, Marcella, Reller & Imus article, Hopefl article, Kelly, Krause, Krowinski, Small & Drane article.

2/3 >>>> Hand in topic for research paper, brief bibliography.  
       Code Gray videotape in class. Discussion.

2/10 PRESIDENT'S DAY SPECIAL: Lying to Patients/Withholding Diagnoses. Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Nursing Home Administration. In class videotape: Deception.

2/17 PRESIDENT'S DAY SPECIAL: Mislabeling Meds. Pharmacy, Medicine, Nursing, Nursing Home Administration. Read: Clyne, Gray & Veatch article, Cross article. Hand in Prospectus with expanded bibliography.

2/24 HIV-seropositive Health Care Providers. Pharmacy, Allied Health, Medicine, Nursing. Read: Huffman article, Brattebo & Wisborg article.

3/3 Restraints in Pediatric, Geriatric and Adult Psychiatric populations. Nursing, Nursing Home Administration, Pharmacy, Medicine. Read: Strumpf & Evans article.

3/10 CLASS PRESENTATIONS

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