Basic Resources in Bioethics

The works chosen for Basic Resources in Bioethics were selected from the collection of the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature. Many persons who are interested in medical ethics and biomedical research have asked for a guide to the literature. This list was selected to help those working in the field to begin their research. It is not intended to be comprehensive, but merely a cross-section of those available in English.

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ORGANIZATIONS

- **American Society for Bioethics and Humanities**, 4700 West Lake Street, Glenview, Illinois 60025-1485. 847-375-4745. E-mail: info@asbh.org (Formed in 1998 by the merger of the American Association of Bioethics, the Society for Bioethics Consultation, and the Society for Health and Human Values.)

- **American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics**, 765 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. 617-262-
Note: There are numerous organizations in the United States and abroad that deal with bioethical issues. For a more comprehensive listing of those organizations, see:


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**ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARY**


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**ONLINE DATABASE**

**BIOETHICSLINE.** Produced by the Kennedy Institute of Ethics for the National Library of Medicine (NLM). Focuses on ethical and public policy issues in health care and biomedical research. Free individual searches are available upon request to the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature. Anyone with access to the World Wide Web may search BIOETHICSLINE® free of charge using NLM's Internet Grateful Med (IGM) Web-based service. Access to IGM, a **Searcher's Guide**, and the **Bioethics Thesaurus**, which provides the keywords used to index BIOETHICSLINE, may be found at [http://www.georgetown.edu/research/nrcbl/](http://www.georgetown.edu/research/nrcbl/).

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**BIBLIOGRAPHIES**

**Bibliography of Bioethics.** Edited by LeRoy Walters and Tamar Joy Kahn. Washington, DC: Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University. Issued annually since 1975. Correlates to the BIOETHICSLINE database. Provides references to resources on ethical and public policy issues in medicine and biomedical research. Includes abstracts; arranged by broad subject categories.

bibliography of nursing ethics. Includes author and subject indexes.


The Hastings Center's **Bibliography of Ethics, Biomedicine and Professional Responsibility.** Compiled by the staff of the Hastings Center. Frederick, MD: University Publications of America, 1984.


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**CURRENT AWARENESS SERVICES**

*Note: Several journals have sections where they highlight new publications. See, for example, the "In the Literature" section of the **Hastings Center Report**, or the "Medicolegal Reference Shelf" section of **Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics**. Other services include:*

**BioLaw.** Edited by James F. Childress and Ruth D. Gaare. Frederick, MD: University Publications of America, 1983 to present. Annual with bimonthly updates. (Previous title: **Bioethics Reporter**) A compendium of articles and legal documents on ethical and legal issues in medicine, health care administration and human experimentation. Includes the text of important legal decisions in the Resources section.


**Scope Note Series.** Washington, DC: National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature. A series of issue briefs including annotated bibliographies on popular bioethical topics. For a complete list of titles in the series, see the last page of this Scope Note. *Beginning with Scope Note 15, the series appears in the Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal.*

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**JOURNALS AND NEWSLETTERS**

*Note: Because bioethics is a multidisciplinary field, there are numerous journals that publish relevant articles. Some of the more important journals are listed below.*

- American Journal of Law and Medicine
- Bioethics
- Cambridge Quarterly of Health Care Ethics
- Hastings Center Report
- Health Care Analysis: Journal of Philosophy and Policy
- HEC (Healthcare Ethics Committee) Forum
- IRB: Review of Human Subjects Research
- International Journal of Bioethics/Journal International de Bioéthique
- Issues in Law and Medicine
- Journal of Clinical Ethics
- Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy
- Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law
• Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics
• Journal of Medical Ethics
• Journal of Medical Humanities
• Journal of Medicine and Philosophy
• Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal
• Linacre Quarterly
• Philosophy and Public Affairs
• Second Opinion
• Social Science and Medicine
• Theoretical Medicine

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SERIES


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Below is a selection of books on bioethical issues.

General


Children and Health Care: Moral and Social Issues. Edited by Loretta M. Kopelman and John C. Moskop. Boston:

**Codes of Ethics: Ethics Codes, Standards, and Guidelines For Professionals Working in A Health Care Setting in Canada.** Françoise Baylis and Jocelyn Downie, comps. Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Department of Bioethics, The Hospital for Sick Children, 1992.


**Cross Cultural Perspectives in Medical Ethics: Readings.** Edited by Robert M. Veatch. Boston: Jones and Bartlett, 1989.


**Feminist Perspectives in Medical Ethics.** Edited by Helen B. Holmes and Laura M. Purdy, eds. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1992.


Hauerwas, Stanley. **Suffering Presence: Theological Reflections on Medicine, the Mentally Handicapped and the Church.** Notre Dame, IN: Notre Dame University Press, 1986.


Summing Up. (See President's Commission Report No.10, page 13.)


Casebooks


Reiser, Stanley Joel, et al. Divided Staffs, Divided Selves: A Case Approach to Mental Health Ethics. New York:


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**Abortion**


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**Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome**


**AIDS: From the Beginning.** Edited by Helene M. Cole and George D. Lundberg. Chicago: American Medical


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Animal Rights and Animal Experimentation
Alternatives to Animal Use in Research, Testing and Education (See OTA Report No.1, page 13.)


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Death and Dying


Deciding to Forego Life-Sustaining Treatment. (See President's Commission Report No.2, page 12.)

Defining Death. (See President's Commission Report No.3, page 12.)


Institutional Protocols for Deciding About Life and Death Treatments. (See OTA Report No.7, page 13.)


Life-Sustaining Technologies and the Elderly. (See OTA Report No.8, page 13.)


**Genetics and Molecular Biology**


Mapping Our Genes. (See OTA Report No.10, page 13.)


Patenting Life. (See OTA Report No. 13, page 13.)


Screening and Counseling for Genetic Conditions. (See President's Commission Report No.7, page 12.)

Splicing Life. (See President's Commission Report No.9, page 12.)


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Handicapped Newborns


Euthanasia and the Newborn: Conflicts Regarding Saving Lives. Edited by Richard C. McMillan, H. Tristram


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**Hospital Ethics Committees**


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**Human Experimentation**


Implementing Human Research Regulations. (See President's Commission Report No.4, page 12.)


Protecting Human Subjects. (See President's Commission Report No.6, page 12.)


Unconventional Cancer Therapies. (See OTA Report No15, page 13.)


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Nursing


Professional Patient Relationship


Making Health Care Decisions. *(See President's Commission Report No.5, page 12.)*


**Reproduction and the Reproductive Technologies**

*(See also Abortion)*


Infertility: Medical and Social Choices. (See OTA Report No. 6, page 13.)


Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace. (See OTA Report No. 14, page 13.)


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Resource Allocation


*Losing a Million Minds* (*See OTA Report no.9, page 13.)*


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**PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION REPORTS**

*Note: In 1978, an act of Congress established the U.S. President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research. Many of the reports that emanated from the Commission (which ceased in 1983) are considered landmark publications on bioethical issues. Below is a list of the Commission's publications.*

- **Compensation for Research Injuries.** 2 vols. 1982
- **Deciding to Forego Life Sustaining Treatment.** 1983.
- **Defining Death.** 1981.
- **Implementing Human Research Regulations.** 1983.
- **Protecting Human Subjects.** 1982.
- **Screening and Counseling for Genetic Conditions.** 1983.
- **Securing Access to Health Care.** 1983. 3 vols
- **Splicing Life.** 1982.
- **Summing Up.** 1983.
- **Whistleblowing in Biomedical Research.** 1981.
U.S. OFFICE of TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT PUBLICATIONS

Note: The U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment was established to provide information and analysis to Congress on political, physical, economic and social effects of technological applications. It has published reports on a variety of topics, many of which pertain to bioethics. Below is a selected list of relevant reports. Highlighted documents can be ordered from the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature.

- Alternatives to Animal Use in Research, Testing and Education. 1986.
- Biomedical Ethics in U.S. Public Policy. 1993
- Continuing Challenge of Tuberculosis. 1993
- Evaluation of the Oregon Medicaid Plan. 1992
- Implications of Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Medical Technology (Series of background papers)
- Medical Monitoring and Screening in the Workplace. 1991
- Neural Grafting: Repairing the Brain and Spinal Cord. 1990.
- New Developments in Biotechnology
  1. Ownership of Human Tissues and Cells. 1987
  2. Background Paper: Public Perceptions of Biotechnology. 1987;
  5. Patenting Life. 1989
- Protecting Privacy in Computerized Medical Information. 1993.
- Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace. 1985.
- Unconventional Cancer Treatments. 1990.

INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE REPORTS

Note: The Institute of Medicine in the United States has published a number of important studies on issues relating to bioethics. A selected list is included below. Most publications are available from the National Academy Press, Washington DC.

Aids and Behavior. 1994 July.