BIOETHICS INTERNET RESOURCES

Please visit the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature (NRCBL) on the Web at http://bioethics.georgetown.edu. Here are a few highlights of the resources and links you will find at the site.

**BIOETHICS CITATION DATABASES ONLINE**

**ETHX on the Web Database**, containing over 231,360 citations to journal and newspaper articles, books and book chapters, reports, and audiovisual materials, is available at http://bioethics.georgetown.edu. Numbers from the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature's unique classification scheme, (http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/nrc/classscheme.pdf), can be entered as subject search terms, e.g., searching 14.5 as a subject will retrieve articles and books on cloning, and searching 18.2 will retrieve articles and books relating to policy guidelines and institutional review boards regarding research ethics.

**Genetics and Ethics Database**, containing over 30,000 citations to journal and newspaper articles, books and book chapters, reports, and audiovisual materials, is available at http://bioethics.georgetown.edu. Documents deal with issues in molecular biology and genetics as a part of a National Information Resource on Ethics and Human Genetics.

**BIOETHICS IN NLM DATABASES**

Indexers and bibliographers at the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature have prepared original records and supplemented records for bioethics literature included in the U.S. National Library of Medicine's publicly-available databases, PubMed and LOCATORPluses. Search tips and direct links for finding bioethics information in these databases are available through the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature's gateway (above). References to journal and newspaper articles, court decisions, and laws may be found in PubMed. References to books, book chapters, unpublished documents, audiovisual materials, and bills are included in LOCATORPluses. Questions about NRCBL-generated materials may be directed to NRCBL staff using the search request form at http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/searchform.htm or by email at bioethics@georgetown.edu.

**BIOETHICS RESOURCES**

http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/publications/scopenotes/

Patrons may access annotated bibliographies providing reference to classic and contemporary works on a variety of topics in bioethics; the selected titles provide a basic guide for reading in bioethics and for the development of a personal or institutional library of bioethics texts. Some patrons may be particularly interested in the bibliographies identifying basic resources in bioethics.

- **Bioethics Resources on the Web** (http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/publications/scopenotes/sn38.htm)
- **Basic Resources in Bioethics (through 1995)** (English language bioethics literature) (http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/publications/scopenotes/sn15.htm)
- **Basic Resources in Bioethics: 2000 to present**-- update previous bibliographies by clicking on the link from http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/publications/scopenotes/basicresinbio.htm to retrieve a “QuickBib” of Bioethics Books published since 2000.
EDUCATIONAL/TEACHING RESOURCES
A listing of degree programs and other educational opportunities in bioethics in the United States and around the world is available at http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/edopps.htm. Established in 1986, the Syllabus Exchange Project seeks both to preserve a record of education in bioethics for purposes of history and to support contemporary teaching and scholarship. A Syllabus Exchange Database may be searched by level of instruction or by subject/keyword at http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/publications/syllabus/. Reference Center staff are in the process of digitizing over 600 syllabi so that they may be viewed online.

NATIONAL INFORMATION RESOURCE ON ETHICS & HUMAN GENETICS (NIREHG) (http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/nirehg/)
Approximately 15 percent of the NRCBL collection deals with issues in molecular biology and human genetics. The Scope Notes produced by the NRCBL that relate to genetics issues (No. 17 - The Human Genome Project, No. 22 - Genetic Testing and Genetic Screening, No. 24 - Human Gene Therapy, No. 28 - Eugenics, and No. 39 - Genes Patents, and Bioethics – Will History Repeat Itself?) are updated regularly (last update August 2004) and are available on the NIREHG Web page. For the most recent citations added to the database, see http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/nirehg.

DNA PATENT DATABASE (http://dnapatents.georgetown.edu)
The DNA patent database permits full-text searching of DNA-based patents issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office since 1971. Now containing more than 42,133 entries, the database (updated weekly) provides free public access to information relevant to policy questions in biotechnology. Since 2001 DNA-based patent applications have also been tracked; over 49,801 applications are listed in the database. The project is supported by grants to the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University from the ELSI programs of the National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, and the Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy. The database project is supervised by Dr. LeRoy Walters.

KENNEDY INSTITUTE OF ETHICS JOURNAL
Information about the Journal, tables of contents, and article abstracts to 1996; 6(1) are available through Project Muse at http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/kennedy_institute_of_ethics_journal/. Subscribers to Project Muse or members of the Kennedy Institute have access to journal articles online (including annotated bibliographies from Bioethics Library).

OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES IN BIOETHICS
In addition to the sites mentioned in Bioethics Resources on the Web, the following sites provide information on resources in bioethics. Other links can be found on the NRCBL Home Page.

President’s Council on Bioethics http://bioethics.gov
National Bioethics Advisory Commission http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/nbac/
National Human Genome Research Institute http://www.genome.gov/PolicyEthics/
The Hastings Center http://www.thehastingscenter.org
National Catholic Bioethics Center http://www.ncbcenter.org/
Danish Council of Ethics http://www.etiskraad.dk/sw293.asp
Zentrum für Medizinische Ethik/Bochum Center for Medical Ethics, Germany http://www.ruhr.uni-bochum.de/zme/zme-e.html
German Reference Center for Ethics in the Life Sciences http://www.drze.de
Asian Bioethics Association http://http://www2.unescobkk.org/eubios/aba.htm
UNESCO Bioethics Committee http://unesco.org/shs/bioethics