PUBLICATION TYPES IN BIOETHICS, 1997

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Nine primary Publication Types (see list below) have been in use since indexing of BIOETHICSLINE began in 1974. One of them appears on every record in the database.

Additional Publication Types were introduced when BIOETHICSLINE began to include some MEDLINE-derived records in late 1996-early 1997. A few of the new PTs were added to older database records through retroactive search strategies using Keywords (KW), Text Words (TW), or Title Fragments (TF).

The new Publication Types are not mutually exclusive, as was the case with the original nine. Most of the new PTs are equivalent to the National Library of Medicine's MeSH Publication Types, and they follow MeSH patterns of using singular or plural forms.

Primary Publication Types Introduced in 1974

ANALYTIC
SN A chapter or essay in a monograph

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL
SN A nonprint material such as a motion picture, a videorecording, or a sound recording

BILL
SN A draft of a statute presented to a legislature for enactment

COURT DECISION
SN A ruling issued by a court of law

LAW
SN A statute enacted by the highest legislative body of a state or nation

JOURNAL ARTICLE
SN An article from a periodical other than a newspaper

MONOGRAPH
SN A book or other print publication that is not a serial, an analytic, or a legal document

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
SN A news item printed in a general-interest newspaper or other news periodical, containing information of current and timely interest

UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENT
SN A document that has not been formally published
New Publication Types (co-occur with Primary PTs)

ACADEMIC DISSERTATIONS (1997; retroactive by TW)
SN Formal written discourses presented to fulfill requirements for an academic degree

ADDRESSES (1997)
SN Speeches, orations, or written statements, usually formal, directed to a particular group of persons

BIBLIOGRAPHY (1997; retroactive by KW)
SN A list of books, articles, and/or other sources, usually on a single subject or related subjects

BIOGRAPHY (1997)
SN An account of the events, works, and achievements, personal and professional, during a person’s life

CASE STUDIES (1997)
SN Accounts of the facts of situations that present moral dilemmas, presented for the purpose of stimulating discussion or ethical analysis

COMMENT (1997)
SN A critical or explanatory note written to discuss, support, or dispute an article or other presentation; may appear in publications under a variety of names, such as comment, commentary, or editorial comment

DIRECTORY (1997)
SN An alphabetical or classified list of names, organizations, etc., giving usually titles, addresses, affiliations, interests, and other data

EDITORIAL (1997; retroactive by TF)
SN A statement of the opinions, beliefs, and policy of the editor or publisher of a journal, usually on current matters of bioethical significance; includes guest editorials; always co-occurs with Publication Type JOURNAL ARTICLE or NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS (1997)
SN Documents issued by local, regional, or national governments, or by an agency or subdivision of such a government

GUIDELINE (1997)
SN A set of statements, directions, or principles presenting current or future rules or policy regarding an issue or issues having bioethical implications; includes codes of ethics. The Publication Type PRACTICE GUIDELINE is also available, for decisions about appropriate diagnostic, therapeutic, or other clinical procedures for specific
clinical circumstances

INTERVIEW (1997)
SN A conversation with an individual regarding his or her background and other personal and professional details, opinions on specific subjects posed by the interviewer, etc.

LETTER (1997; retroactive by TF)
SN Correspondence to the editor published by a journal or newspaper

MANUALS (1997)
SN Instructional reference sources such as handbooks

MULTICENTER STUDY (1997)
SN A study conducted by several cooperating institutions

NEWS (1997; retroactive by TF)
SN A description of recent or current events with bioethical implications; always co-occurs with Publication Type JOURNAL ARTICLE or NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

POLICY STATEMENTS (1997; retroactive by TF)
SN Declarations of guiding principles or courses of action issued by associations, organizations, or groups of individuals; includes position statements

PRACTICE GUIDELINE (1997)
SN A set of directions or principles to assist the health care practitioner with patient care decisions about appropriate diagnostic, therapeutic, or other clinical procedures for specific clinical circumstances. Practice guidelines may be developed by government agencies at any level, institutions, organizations such as professional societies or governing boards, or by the convening of expert panels

REVIEW (1997; retroactive by KW)
SN An article, monograph, or analytic which provides a comprehensive examination of bioethics or of a bioethical issue or issues, usually with an extensive critical analysis and synthesis of the issue or issues

REVIEW, TUTORIAL (1997)
SN A type of review which provides a general overview of a subject with which the reader may or may not be familiar; co-occurs with Publication Type REVIEW

TEXTBOOKS (1997)
SN Books, intended for use in the study of a subject, that contain a systematic presentation of the principles of the subject