

## RESOURCES IN

# HEALTHCARE ETHICS

The following articles were published in *Health Progress* in the past several years. Refer to the annual indexes in each December issue of *Health Progress* for more complete listings of articles on healthcare ethics.

### AIDS

**Callahan, Sidney, "Does the AIDS Crisis Justify Explicit Sex Education Ads?"** January-February 1988, pp. 18, 20. Analyzes liberal and conservative arguments on the morality of promoting open discussion of sexual conduct and AIDS.

**Cassidy, Judy, "AIDS Raises Five Ethical Issues for Administrators,"** January-February 1988, p. 26.

Discusses patient consent and end-of-life treatment decision issues raised by the AIDS epidemic.

**O'Rourke, Rev. Kevin D., OP, and deBlois, Sr. Jean, CSJ, "The Right to Know,"** December 1991, pp. 39-43. Examines ethical issues related to mandatory testing of healthcare workers for HIV.

### BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

**Callahan, Sidney, "Cooperating with Evil,"** May 1989, pp. 12-14. Asserts that using knowledge gained from Nazi physicians' experiments on prisoners or tissue from aborted fetuses is morally unacceptable because it encourages continuance of such practices.

**Friedman, Emily, "Teach Your Children Well,"** October 1990, pp. 20-24. Explains why moral vigilance is necessary to ensure that biomedical research does not victimize human subjects.

**O'Rourke, Rev. Kevin D., OP, "Two Ethical Approaches to Research on Human Beings,"** October 1988, pp. 48-51, 58. Compares Church teaching concerning research on human beings with that of certain national and international study groups.

### CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES

**Callahan, Sidney, "Ethical Blocks and Biases,"** January-February 1989, pp. 18, 22.

Suggests that examining one's own predispositions is an essential part of any ethical analysis.

**Callahan, Sidney, "Reason for Interest,"** January-February 1991, pp. 76, 86.

Examines shades of meaning in the term "interest" as used in ethical debates and explores how the concept can and should be used.

**Callahan, Sidney, "Sanctity and Quality of Life Deserve Equal Commitment,"** June 1988, pp. 75-76. Argues that, when properly defined, the concepts of sanctity of life and quality of life can be used as mutual correctives in ethical analyses.

**Callahan, Sidney, "The Slippery Slope: Confusing But Indispensable,"** September 1988, pp. 17-18. Clarifies the "slippery slope" concept and examines its use in ethical analysis.

**Dougherty, Charles J., "The Excesses of Individualism,"** January-February 1992, pp. 22-28. Critiques excessive forms of individualism characteristic of late-twentieth century America, and argues that true healthcare reform will require a renewed sense of community.

**Drane, James F., "Medical Ethics in the 1990s,"** September 1991, pp. 29-37.

Explores issues and describes principles that will become increasingly important to medical ethicists in the near future.

**Drane, James F., "Noblesse Oblige,"** April 1990, pp. 26-27. Describes a debate among ethicists concerning the importance of autonomy, integrity, clinical freedom, and broader social issues in medical treatment decisions.

**Overberg, Rev. Kenneth R., SJ, "Collaboration Needed in Discussion of Ethical Issues,"** March 1988, pp. 90-92. Clarifies the role of Church authority in teaching about healthcare ethics.

**Trau, Jane Mary, and McCartney, Rev. James J., "In the Best Interest of the Patient,"** April 1993, pp. 50-56. Explains the contexts and issues ethicists must consider before determining a person's "best interests."

**Tuohey, Rev. John F., "Balancing Benefit and Burden,"** January-February 1989, pp. 77-79. Advocates a closer examination of the principle of treatment benefits in medical-ethical decision making.

**Weber, Leonard J., "The Patient as Citizen,"** June 1993, pp. 12-15. Argues that using a common-good or community-based ethic for making treatment decisions provides a needed counterbalance to the emphasis on patient desires.



## CORPORATE ETHICS

**Baginski, Yvonne, and Bayley, Corrine, "A System of Values," January-February 1990, pp. 93-95.** Describes the values integration program at St. Joseph's Health System, Orange, CA.

**Boyle, Philip, "Outcome Data and Ethics: Getting Doctors to Pay Attention," May 1992, pp. 70-71.** Discusses methods for establishing ethical administrative policies regarding physician practice patterns.

**Callahan, Sidney, "Whistle-blowing: An Ethical Dilemma," November 1988, pp. 18-20.** Suggests that employees should have the moral courage to call attention to problems and abuses but must first examine their motives for doing so.

**Cretelli Schick, Ida, and Schick, Thomas A., "In the Market for Ethics," October 1989, pp. 72-76.** Shows how marketing can be an effective tool for extending Catholic healthcare facilities' core values.

**Hanley, Kevin F., "Partners at Work," January-February 1990, pp. 82-85.** Explores some major elements of Catholic social teaching regarding managers' responsibilities to workers.

**Lappetito, Sr. Joanne, RSM, "CHA Task Force Helps Managers Make Values-based Decisions," September 1993, pp. 14-15.** Outlines a process for analyzing and addressing ethical issues.

**Naber, Mary M., "Louder Than Words," January-February 1990, pp. 79-81, 103.** Explains how Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc., Wheaton, IL, developed a set of corporate ethics standards.

**Neale, Ann, "Aligning IDNs' Financial Interests with Communities' Best Interests," October 1993, pp. 14-15, 47.** Describes the steps IDN administrators must take to ensure their organizations promote the best interest of the communities they serve.

**Sanborn II, A. Beckwith, and Hanley, Kevin V., "Finder's Fees," March 1989, pp. 46-49.** Argues it is unethical, and possibly illegal, for corporate officers of not-for-profit healthcare facilities to receive fees for arranging the sale of their facilities.

**Tamborini-Martin, Susan, and Hanley, Kevin V., "The Importance of Being Ethical," June 1989, pp. 24-27, 82.** Presents principles for promoting corporate ethics in healthcare.

**Tomczyk, Dennis, "Flattery Will Get You Nowhere," May 1990, pp. 66-68.** Suggests that some methods of employee recognition conflict with basic Catholic values.

**Weber, Leonard J., "The Business of Ethics," January-February 1990, pp. 76-78, 102.** Examines key values informing business ethics issues.

**Weber, Leonard, "A Positive View of Lobbying," November 1993, pp. 64, 66.** Asserts that lobbying is a legitimate method of advocating for a just and effective healthcare system.

## ETHICS COMMITTEES

**Allen, Sr. Cheryl, SSJ, and Ross, Gary E., "The Policy Forum," April 1989, pp. 48-49.** Argues that a facility's ethics committee may be the most appropriate vehicle for establishing policies on complex treatment issues.

**Callahan, Sidney, "Ethics by Committee?" October 1988, pp. 76-78.** Endorses ethics committees as an important decision-making resource but also warns of some problems.

**Cassidy, Judy, "Ethics Committees' Future Role," July-August 1990, pp. 27-28.** Explores ethics committees' limits and responsibilities in treatment decisions.

**Haddad, Amy Marie, "A Source of Support," January-February 1991, pp. 60-63.** Describes how a nursing bioethics committee gave nurses a greater voice in policy and treatment decisions.

**Kelly, Cornelius, and Lazaroff, Alan, "Learning to Pay Attention," November 1993, pp. 40-43, 52.** Details the process a system's ethics committee went through to sharpen its understanding of nursing home residents' day-to-day concerns.

**Lappetito, Sr. Joanne, RSM, and Thompson, Paula, "Today's Ethics Committees Face Varied Issues," November 1993, pp. 34-39, 52.** Reports on a CHA survey revealing the widening scope of issues and responsibilities ethics committees now face.

**Rauh, J. Randall, and Bushy, Angeline, "Biomedical Conflicts in the Heartland," March 1990, pp. 80-83.** Describes an ethics committee at Presentation Health Care System, Sioux Falls, SD.

**Sullivan, Sr. Patricia, RSM, and Egan, Sr. Maureen, RSM, "A Measure of Growth," November 1993, pp. 44-47, 52.** Discusses a process used by a system's corporate ethics committee to assess its performance and plan for the future.



## RESOURCES

### EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE

**Callahan, Sidney, "The Limits on Self-Destruction," April 1992, pp. 72-73.** Asserts that arguments for a moral right to commit suicide overemphasize individual sovereignty.

**Gula, Rev. Richard M., SS, "The Virtuous Response to Euthanasia," December 1989, pp. 24-27.** Explains that the Catholic community can best oppose euthanasia by caring for the dying with compassion and dignity.

**Hooymann, Nancy W., "Does Compassion Include Euthanasia?" March 1993, pp. 44-47.** Warns that physicians' roles vis-à-vis terminally ill patients can create the illusion that euthanasia is a humane option.

**McCartney, Rev. James J., OSA, "Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: Elements of Church Teaching," January-February 1992, pp. 73, 82.** Reviews the Church's basic positions on euthanasia and assisted suicide.

**Place, Rev. Michael D., "Why We Should Not Legalize Euthanasia," March 1993, pp. 39-43, 70.** Maintains that our moral heritage compels us to translate the foundational principle obliging us to protect life into a concrete norm.

**Post, Stephen G., "American Culture and Euthanasia," December 1991, pp. 32-38.** Argues that the best way to combat the movement toward euthanasia and assisted suicide is to create a system of caring.

**Tuohey, Rev. John F., "Mercy: An Insufficient Motive for Euthanasia," October 1993, pp. 51-53.** Asserts euthanasia cannot be defended as an act of mercy because a moral act also requires the use of reason and judgment.

### GENETICS

**Callahan, Sidney, "X Versus Y: Should Parents Choose?" June 1989, pp. 20-21.** Argues that endorsement of a parental right to choose their children's sex dangerously overvalues the importance of gender identity in personhood.

**McCartney, Rev. James J., OSA, "The Human Genome Project," December 1992, pp. 20-21.** Explores the ethical challenges that will arise as scientists complete the map of the human genome.

**McManus, Sr. Margaret Ann, RSM, "Genetic Counseling in Catholic Hospitals," October 1990, pp. 63-65.** Argues that advances in knowledge of human genetics oblige Catholic hospitals to provide counseling regarding genetic diseases.

### LONG-TERM CARE

**Walsh, Mary Ann, "Home Sweet Homes," March 1990, pp. 35-38.** Explores ethical issues that arise in daily nursing home operations.

**Whiteneck, Sr. Margaret Rose, CBS, "Forum Allows LTC Facilities to Face Ethical Issues Together," March 1988, pp. 82-84.** Describes an interfacility study group that helps administrators, nurses, admissions officers, and social workers address ethics issues in long-term care.

### ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION

**Benjamin, Martin, "Medical Ethics and Economics of Organ Transplantation," March 1988, pp. 47-52.** Examines whether organ transplants should be available to all, regardless of ability to pay.

**Shannon, Thomas, "Transplantation Tragedies," November 1992, pp. 14-16.** Argues for a policy that excludes infants with anen-

cephaly and similarly situated individuals from being organ donors.

### TECHNOLOGY

**Lappetito, Sr. Joanne, RSM, "Technology: A Moral Evaluation," January-February 1993, pp. 48-49.** Explores ethical questions on the use of technology from both a large, social perspective and the perspective of its impact on medical practice.

**Schindler, Thomas F., and McCarthy, Rev. Jeremiah J., "The Dark Side of Technology," October 1989, pp. 28-31.** Investigates the kind of vision ethicists need to appreciate the value of technology while remaining alert to its potential for harm.

### TREATMENT DECISIONS

**Brodeur, Rev. Dennis, "The Ethics of Cruzan," October 1990, pp. 42-47.** Critiques the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the *Cruzan* decision.

**Callahan, Sidney, "Ethical Issues of Unconventional Therapies," September 1993, pp. 42-43.** Looks at ethical issues alternative medicine poses for researchers, providers, and patients.

**Callahan, Sidney, "Timely Arguments," April 1991, pp. 73, 78.** Explores the relevance of a person's prospects for future development in ethical debates about abortion and end-of-life treatment decisions.

**"Care of the Dying: A Catholic Perspective" (four parts), March 1993, pp. 34-38, 70; April 1993, pp. 16-21, 41; May 1993, pp. 22-26, 31; June 1993, pp. 46-54.**

Excerpts a CHA document that clarifies and extends the insights of Catholic theological teaching to address issues at the end of life.



**deBlois, Sr. Jean, CSJ; McGrath, Mary; and O'Rourke, Rev. Kevin D., OP, "Advance Directives for Healthcare Decisions," July-August 1991, pp. 27-31.**

Provides a Christian perspective on advance directives, with a sample form for appointing durable power of attorney.

**Deatrick, Janet A., Woodring, Barbara C., and Tollefson, Tracy L., "Children Should Be Seen and Heard," April 1990, pp. 76-79.** Urges that chronically ill children be given a voice in treatment decisions.

**Devine, Rev. Richard J., CM, "Save the Body, Lose the Soul," June 1989, pp. 68-72.** Maintains that Catholic health-care professionals should respect Jehovah's Witnesses' right to refuse a blood transfusion.

**Dougherty, Charles J., "A Life-and-Death Decision: The Lakeberg Twins," November 1993, pp. 16, 30.** Questions whether a decision to surgically separate conjoined twins constituted an unjust allocation of resources and whether the parents' consent was informed.

**Drane, James F., "Playing God in the NICU," March 1989, pp. 26-31.** Discusses issues involved in developing guidelines for treatment of severely handicapped infants.

**Grimaldi, Paul L., "A Call to Revolution," July-August 1990, pp. 32-34.** Presents ethical issues raised in Daniel Callahan's *What Kind of Life: The Limits of Medical Progress*.

**Gula, Rev. Richard M., SS, "Quality of Life: A Focus on the Patient's Total Good," July-August 1988, pp. 34-39, 84.** Argues that the quality-of-life factor used in making treatment decisions should refer to

the patient's definition of meaningful survival.

**Gula, Rev. Richard M., SS, "Should Money Matter?" September 1990, pp. 18-19, 27.** Asserts that it is morally acceptable to refuse treatment if the financial burden it creates outweighs the benefit.

**Longo, Daniel R.; Warren, Matthew; Roberts, James S.; and Dunlop, George R., "Extent of DNR Policies Varies across Healthcare Settings," June 1988, pp. 66-73.** Provides a statistical study of do-not-resuscitate policies of U.S. healthcare providers.

**McCardle, D. Robert, and Bader, Sr. Diana, OP, "Confronting Conflict," April 1991, pp. 31-35.** Describes the process a nursing home's staff went through in deciding to acquiesce to an elderly patient's refusal of nutrition.

**Meeker, Tobias, "Decision Tree," March 1993, pp. 48-51.** Presents a process (and diagram) for deciding when to withdraw life-sustaining medical treatment.

**Middleton, Carl L., "Rights and Respect," March 1991, pp. 38-44.** Explores ethical issues that arise in performing clinical evaluations of psychiatric patients.

**Miles, John, "Choosing an Advance Directive," July-August 1991, pp. 24-26.** Addresses issues providers must consider in making advance directive forms available to patients and provides a sample form.

**Miles, Steven H., "Autonomy's Responsibility," December 1991, pp. 30-31, 62.** Examines the private and public dimensions of various parties' rights to make health-

care decisions in light of the insistence of Helga Wanglie's family that she continue to receive medical care.

**Mitchell, Jr., John J., "From Ethical Dilemmas to Hospital Policy," November 1991, pp. 22-26 (with responses from Sr. Diana Bader, OP, pp. 27-29, and John Miles, pp. 29-30).** Presents a hospital's policy for withholding, limiting, or discontinuing artificially provided hydration and/or nutrition, along with the assumptions that guided the policy's formulation.

**O'Rourke, Rev. Kevin D., OP, "Evolution of Church Teaching on Prolonging Life," January-February 1988, pp. 28-35.** Summarizes Catholic teachings on when a duty exists to preserve life.

**O'Rourke, Rev. Kevin D., OP, and deBlois, Sr. Jean, CSJ, "Removing Life Support: Motivations, Obligations," July-August 1992, pp. 20-27, 38.** Critiques some of the assumptions of the statement on artificial nutrition and hydration issued by NCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities.

**"Pain Management," January-February 1993, pp. 30-39, 65.** Report of a CHA task force discusses social and clinical issues that arise in providing pain relief to dying patients.

**Tauer, Carol A., "Lives at Stake," September 1992, pp. 18-27.** Presents an ethical framework for determining the circumstances under which it would be morally permissible to compel a pregnant woman to submit to invasive medical procedures against her will.