



**Consortium Meetings and Location**

Jan 16, (Wed.) UCLA/VA 1131W Wilshire Bld. LA 90073  
 Dinner 5:30 Meeting 6:30 RSVP: 310-794-6219  
 Jacob Fleischman, MD. Talmudic scholar & Prof. I.M./ I.D.  
*Orthodox Jewish Perspective on Organ Transplantation*  
 --March 13 (Thurs.) location TBA  
 --May 21 (Wed.)

**\*\*\*Resources\*\*\***

--Advanced Director Form written at 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading level available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese from Institute for Health Care Advancement at [www.ih4health.org](http://www.ih4health.org)  
 --For fascinating bioethics discussions check out [www.bioethicsdiscussion.blogspot.com](http://www.bioethicsdiscussion.blogspot.com)

**Summary of Nov 8, 2008 SCBCC Meeting**

Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 22 present  
 \*Dr. Stuart Finder, Director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Cedars-Sinai, discussed who might request a Bioethics consult, informally and formally, and how to address the needs and input of staff as well as patients.  
 \*An overview of the Bioethics Committee at Torrance Memorial presented.  
 \*Dr. Nicolas Kockler provided a summary of the educational programs at the Bioethics Institute of L M U and volunteered to become the Consortium's webmaster.  
 \*President Paul Schneider invited members to work on development of governance principles for the Consortium. He encouraged Pediatric representatives to attend the general meeting of the Consortium and hoped to provide an opportunity for specific reports of their interests at a regular time each meeting.  
 \*Neil Wenger, M.D. will start a project on un-befriended patients on which Consortiums members may collaborate. It was reported that the Unihealth grant was not received on behalf of UCLA for the Consortium. This may be applied for next year.  
 \* SCBCC did not apply for the POLST grant from the California Coalition for Compassionate Care (CCCC) Dr. Hornstein was successful in Ventura County and a successful bid was made in Riverside County. SCBCC members are encouraged to work with any local programs.

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

**---Babies by Design: Redefining Humans? January 27** (Sun.) Grand Horizon Room Sunset Conference Center UCLA  
[www.socgen.ucla.edu/2008Symposium.html](http://www.socgen.ucla.edu/2008Symposium.html)  
**---Stem Cells World Congress Feb 12-13** (Tue/Wed) Marriot San Diego La Jolla 858-587-1414 <http://www.selectbiosciences.com/conferences/StemCells2007/>  
**---Caring for Risky Patients: Re-thinking the Duty to Treat**, Tom Tomlins, Ph.D. Director Center for Ethics, Michigan State U, **Feb 20 noon**, Harvey Morse Aud, S Tower, Plaza level, lunch at 11:30. Cedars-Sinai Bioethics monthly ---  
**Bioethics Roundtable: Ethics of Pharmaceutical Development April 17**, 4:45-5:45pm LMU Nicolas Kockler at [nkockler@lmu.edu](mailto:nkockler@lmu.edu) or 310-338-6434---  
**---A Narrative Imagining of Professionals and their Ethics** Arthur W Frank, Ph.D. week of March 24, USC /call Dr. P. Schaff for details (323) 442-2553  
**--7th UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters May 18-21**, (Sun.-Wed.) Torrance Marriot Hotel, Pacific Public Health Training Center, Contact C. Burnstein 310-794-0564  
**---Bioethics Summer Camp 2008 June 18-22** Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics Hilton Sonoma, <http://bioethics.stanford.edu/BioethicsSummerCamp2008/>

**A Widger View**

**Stateside:** Nick Snow Children's Hospice and Palliative Care ct of 2006 (Assembly Bill 745) requires the state to get a waiver from CMS to permit seriously ill children to receive palliative and curative care concurrently.

**International:** Medical tourists travel to China for stem cell treatments  
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/22455125/>

**Enhanced Training & Advanced Degrees**

--Case Western Reserve University offers a doctorate in Bioethical Studies.  
<http://www.case.edu/med/bioethics/phd.html>  
 ANH Focus on recent Catholic judgments LMU 1  
 Credit Course Tues 7/8-7/29 6-9pm

**Weigh in with the Editor**

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**Where do you stand on...?**

- *Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome (AIS):* Surgical, insurance, and other bioethical problems of hermaphroditic newborns? Time March 1, 2004
- *Schools and Obesity:* Should report cards include a "health" grade and how do schools go about offering programs for kids who are overweight? see "In Obesity Wars, New Backlash" by Ann Marie Chaker

**\*Glossary\***

(Terms used frequently used in Bioethics Consults)

**Conservator of the Person**, might be temporary or permanent, arranges for the conservatee's care and protection and determines where the conservatee will live, arranges health and personal care, has to apply to the Conservator of the Estate for funds unless granted same title. A conservator might be a spouse, relative or friend. If no one suitable is willing to serve, a private professional or county agent might be appointed who will periodically report to the court on conservatee's status.

**Surrogate** is a proxy decision maker who may or may not be named in an Advanced Directive and who may or may not be a conservator. The surrogate who knows the patient well may make decisions on his or her behalf.

Both are utilized when a patient is determined to lack decision making capacity

*\*Thanks again to Leslie Jenal, JD for background*

**Hot Topics**

FDA halts availability of drug Provenge, which prolongs the life of late-stage prostate cancer, because more research is needed.

<http://www.latimes.com/la-he-prostate31dec31.1,1827858.story?coll=la-utilities-health>

Basic knowledge about AIDS and prevention is decreasing among European among youth

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=40457>

*Bioethics in History*

**Minnesota Semistarvation Experiment: the price of science at any cost and a reminder of pre ARB days of precarious permissiveness.** A study at the University of Minnesota in 1944-1945 investigated the psychological and physical effects of famine on thirty-six healthy men in order to develop a strategy to rehabilitate affected areas of Europe and Asia after WWII. The men were fed regularly for three months, starved for six months, and rehabilitated for three months as an "alternative" to military duty. For many previously healthy subjects, psychological problems persisted well into the recovery phase. [www.possibility.com/epowiki/Wiki.jsp?page=EffectsOfSemiStarvation](http://www.possibility.com/epowiki/Wiki.jsp?page=EffectsOfSemiStarvation)

**New Books: Bioethics & Health Perspectives**

- \* *Ethics by Committee: A Textbook on Consultation, Organization and Education for Hospital Ethics Committees*, ed. Micah Hester (rowmanlittlefield.com)
- \* *Closing the Food Gap*, by Mark Winne, considers of nutrition and food policy
- \* *Looking Within: A Sociocultural Examination of Fetoscopy* D. Blizzard offers a glimpse of conflicted, desperate, emotional lives of those undergoing fetoscopy, challenging current assumptions about normal and appropriate pregnancy experiences. *The MIT Press*
- \* *Unplugged*, B. Colby, stories describe how law and medicine affect death and dying. [vivien@RainyDayBooks.com](mailto:vivien@RainyDayBooks.com)
- \* *The End of Poverty*, M. Yunus, Social Enterprise and its impact on health and well being
- \* *Stem Cell Century*, R. Korobkin, Law and policy for a new technology

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