



Next Consortium Meeting

Wed. May 21 Wed 6:45pm: USC Medical campus conference room Norris (NTT7409 Topping Tower), USC /Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, food provided

David Goldstein, M.D Co-Director of Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics Chief, Geriatric, Hospital and General Internal Medicine, author presents HEAL (humanities, ethics, economics, art and the law) curriculum for medical students.

AAMC Urges a Pharmaceutical Free Policy

In 2006 the AAMC created a task force to draft a model policy governing interactions between the nation's 129 medical schools and the pharmaceutical industry. It concluded, "Drug and medical device companies should be banned from offering free food, gifts, travel and ghost-writing services to doctors." While nonbinding, it is anticipated that most medical schools will comply with the recommendations, a radical shift from current policy. (Currently medical schools, their professors and trainees, are targets for industry publicity efforts as more money is spent by drug companies to attract the attention of doctors yearly than is spent on research or consumer advertising.) Ramifications of report are being felt. J. Gottlieb, assistant Dean of Policy Coordination for Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, says the school had adopted some of the association's recommendations, and that the report would have a significant influence on future deliberations about the school's policy toward pharmaceutical companies.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/28/us/28doctors.html?ex=1210305600&en=dac2efa5512c7d2c&ei=5070&emc=eta1>

----Training & Advanced Degrees----

* Survey Course in Bioethics for Healthcare and Legal Professionals; LMU 22 Credit Course Tues 9/2-11/4 6:30-9:30pm* Artificial Nutrition & Hydration: Focus on Recent Catholic Judgments; LMU 9 Credit Course Tues 7/8-7/29 6:30-9pm

*****Resources*****

A global information source on bioethics news and issues at www.bioethics.com

~~~~~*Upcoming Conferences*~~~~~

\* May 27 **Law, Policy, Mental Illness & those at those at Most Risk** live/teleconference at JWest Auditorium UCLA 9-5 register at

[www.mentalhealthlawsymposium.com](http://www.mentalhealthlawsymposium.com)

\***UCLA Lecture Series** (Wednesdays)

Harvey Morse Auditorium, UCLA, conference from 12-1pm, light lunch available 11:30am.

--May 28: Stanley G. Korenman, MD,

**"Built in Bias: Issues with Development & Marketing of New Drugs & Devices"**

--June 18: Anita Catlin, DNSc,

**"Death at the Beginning of Life: What We Can Learn from Neonatal Palliative Care"**

\***Ethics Noon Lecture** UCLA CHS 53-105

--June 3 Tues: D. Goldfarb, Minister

**"Successfully Meeting the Challenge of Medically Treating Jehovah's Witnesses"**

**Wider Views**

**California**

**AB 2747 –End of Life Care** Mandates counseling on legal end-of-life options for patients diagnosed with terminal illnesses

**AB 2565 Brain Death** Hospitals must provide next of kin with a reasonable amount of time to gather family, make arrangements for ceremonies

**AB 3000 Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment** proposes POLST as the legal equivalent of a pre-hospital DNR

**SB 462 Hospice Facility Licensure** Licensing of hospice facilities to provide inpatient care

**SB 1196 Coroner Inquiries** exempts inquiries into deaths where deceased was attended by a physician, RN, or hospice care 20 days preceding death; <http://info.sen.ca.gov>

**National**

**Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act (GINA), S 358**

Passed by an overwhelming majority in U.S. Senate on 4/24, protects individuals against discrimination in securing employment or health insurance based on their genetic information

<http://www.genome.gov/24519851> Genetic Discrimination in Health Insurance

<http://www.genome.gov/10002328>

**Books in the Field of Ethics**



\* *After Harm: Medical Error and the Ethics of Forgiveness*, Nancy Berlinger  
 \* *Life as It Is: Biology for the Public Sphere*, William F. Loomis  
 \* *And a Time to Die: How American Hospitals Shape the End of Life*, Sharon Kaufman, PhD  
 \* *Clio in the Clinic: History in Medical Practice*, edited by Jacalyn Duffin  
 \* *At the Side of Torture Survivors: Treating a Terrible Assault on Human Dignity* Graessner, Gurriss, and Pross

### Update

#### **Revelations on participation in torture Doctors Linked to POW Torture**

An FBI complaint led to Army investigation of an interrogation at the US prison at Guantanamo. The declassified Army investigation and corresponding interrogation log reveal clinical supervision, monitoring and treatment during an interrogation that employed dogs, prolonged sleep deprivation, humiliation, restraint, hypothermia and compulsory intravenous infusions. Medical Ethics and the Interrogation of Guantanamo 063 by Steven Miles 2007. *The American Journal of Bioethics* 7(4):5 [http://www.bioethics.net/journal/j\\_articles.php?aid=1140](http://www.bioethics.net/journal/j_articles.php?aid=1140)

#### **Government Torture Directives Revealed**

"Directives to Torture Come from the Top": What is probably in the Missing Tapes. *Global Research*, 12/23/07

Dozens of original formerly secret documents-- FBI emails and memos, letters and interrogator wish lists-- substantiate systemic illegal torture of detainees in US-held prisons, revealing that the US tortures, illegally, by directive from the top chain of command. Those who torture likely know its criminality. Human Rights Watch and other organizations confirm tortured prisoners, whether guilty or innocent, say anything they think their torturer wants to hear – including implicating themselves falsely– to make the torture stop. Faked or coerced and unverifiable intelligence buttressed its apology.

*Administration of Torture: A Documentary Record from Washington to Abu Ghraib and Beyond* Jameel Jaffer and Amruti Singh, (Columbia University Press, 2007)

**\*Glossary\***

**Individual autonomy** refers to the capacity to be one's own person, to live one's life according to reasons and motives that are taken as one's own and not the product of manipulative or distorting external forces  
**Paternalism** is the interference of a state or an individual with another person, against their will, and justified by a claim that the person interfered with will be better off or protected from harm.  
**Substituted Judgement** The form of surrogate decision making regarding end-of-life care in which the surrogate attempts to establish with as much accuracy as possible what decision the patient would have made if that patient were competent to do so. This conclusion can be based on the patient's preference expressed in previous statements or the surrogate's knowledge of the patient's values, beliefs, personality, and prior life style.

#### **Very abbreviated minutes from 3/13/08 meeting**

Nachazalm, MD. Chief of Labs presented a history of CHMC/socalbioethics.org was voted as the SCBCC official website /Dr. Wenger will bring draft protocol of a research project on Outpatient DNR orders to the next meeting/ Drs. Miller and Hornstein updated POLST developments with AB 3000 tagging POLST ideas on to the Health Care Provisions Law. Questions regarding POLST can be emailed to [jimfamdoc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimfamdoc@sbcglobal.net) Pediatrics interest group subcommittee plans to present cases at a future meeting and is willing to serve as a resource to the Consortium at large regarding difficult Pediatrics ethics consults. Diane Green at 818-1331 [Dgreen@oneleagcy.org](mailto:Dgreen@oneleagcy.org) may be contacted for organ procurement problems./The legal statue of unbefriended patient status created by SCBCC is in somewhat of a legal limbo per Dr. Eugene Berman/ Dr. Schneider presented a case of a homeless man who objected to being referred to a faith-based housing program, Dr. Wenger presented a case of inappropriate sophisticated care being ordered in a case that suggested futility and possible unjustified financial gain.

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