

Bioethics Bulletin

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Will AI Health Apps Make Us Healthier?

30th Annual Rosemary Flanigan Lecture

September 30 at 7:00 pm CT

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30th Annual Rosemary Flanigan Lecture Will 24/7 AI Health Apps Make Us Healthier?

Do you monitor your heart rate, blood oxygen or sleep on a smart watch or track your walks, bike rides and runs on a smart phone?

You are invited to a free lecture, "Leaving Patients to Their Own Devices: Will 24/7 Health Apps Make Us Healthier?" on **September 30, 7:00 PM at Saint Joseph Medical Center, 1000 Carondelet Drive, Kansas City, MO**, where Dr. Anita Ho will weigh pros and cons of AI in personal healthcare. You'll leave with a better understanding of the ethics implications of direct-to-consumer devices and prepared to make more informed decisions about using AI healthcare apps and devices.

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Maria Fox, DNP, APRN-CNS, HEC-C
Director of Advanced Practice Providers
The University of Kansas Health System

Mark Hoffman, PhD
Chief Research Information Officer
Children's Mercy & Children's Mercy Research
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Honoring the 2024 Ethics Champions

Quality healthcare relies on ethics-rich environments. Ethics-rich environments rely on ethics champions. From CEOs and clinical staff to volunteers serving on ethics committees, healthcare institutions need ethics champions at all levels of the organization.

Join us at the Flanigan Lecture on September 30 in honoring two individuals who have significantly impacted the ethical compass of their institutions, the community and future generations of healthcare providers.

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Mini-Video Case Studies

If you have 3 minutes, you'll have time to watch [Ryan Pferdehirt's](#) mini-video case studies, a new series we are launching this month with Aaron's story.

Aaron is a 63-year old man. In addition to a bowel obstruction, he is suffering from cancer with a poor prognosis. Factors that make Aaron's case especially challenging include that he has no decision-making capacity due to profound intellectual disability and has lived his entire life in a long-term care facility. When Aaron was admitted, his siblings, Russ and Helen, wanted the medical team to be as aggressive as possible.

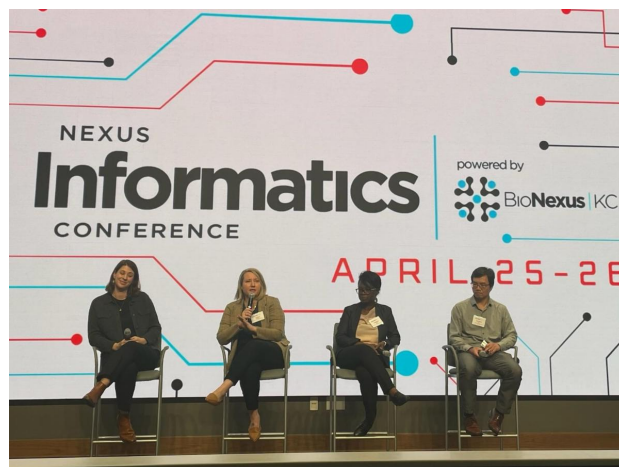
Now Aaron is intubated and has lost all consciousness. The siblings disagree about what to do. The medical team has requested an ethics consult to resolve questions like:

- What should the patient's code status be?
- Should the medical team go forward with the trach and peg or prioritize comfort?
- Who is the most appropriate person to speak for Aaron and uphold his autonomy?
- What is the value of patient assent when the patient is not able to give informed consent?
- How important are non-verbal means of patient communication, and does the patient's history impact the team's decision making?

*Enjoyed the video case study?
Copy and paste the video link to share with colleagues.*

https://youtu.be/Wwz1ZNG2AZY?si=Chd_vYh1Os8sjWGj

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The Space Between Excitement and Concern: Finding My Seat at the AI Table

Over the last 18 months, [Lindsey Jarrett](#), Vice President of Ethical AI at the Center, has given 24 talks compared to only seven in the 18 months before that. She notes that, while this could be due to many different factors, all of which may be correct, there has undeniably been an explosion of interest in [Ethical AI](#).

“My seat in the middle [of the AI table] is a complicated one,” she says, “because I do believe that technology, even AI-enabled ones, can create some really great change, especially for people who need technology in important areas of their lives. I also believe, though, that technology is often built to solve the wrong problem and often perpetuates faulty decisions by humans.”

In her blog piece, Lindsey explores views about the potential risks and benefits of Ethical AI in the context of her own position and the past five years of societal upheaval.

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Aaawww! CPB Welcomes a Baby!

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