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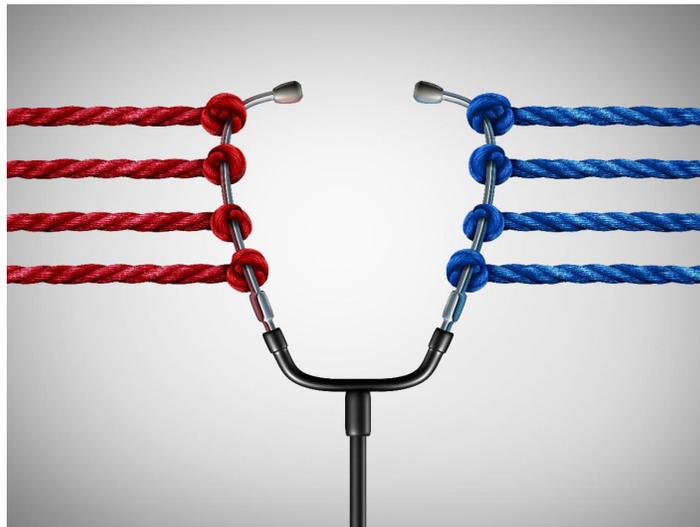
AI in Healthcare: Are We Expecting Too Much?

Dr. Lindsey Jarrett’s email signature includes the tagline, “Book time to meet with me,” and she’s serious about it!

As Vice President for Ethical AI at the Center, Lindsey devotes a good amount of her time out in the community meeting with groups ranging from students to CEOs on the risks and benefits associated with AI in health and healthcare and what the Center is doing to mitigate the risks.

Amidst much enthusiasm about potential benefits of AI in healthcare, Dr. Jarrett explains why she would like us to slow down enough to ensure that humans have a voice in decisions being made.

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Clinical Ethics Resources

CPB provides resources to help healthcare professionals increase their ability

to respond to complex ethical issues and that ethics committees can use to educate committee members.

These resources include the **Ethics Dispatch** – which addresses a hot topic with analysis, a case study and ethical musings – and **Clinical Ethics Corner** – which includes video and narrative of Ryan Pferdehirt, D. Bioethics, HEC-C, VP for Ethics Services, discussing a case.

Ethics Dispatch

Five Guidelines for Healthcare Providers on ICE's Legal Boundaries

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is required to follow specific legal protocols when conducting enforcement actions. These laws and regulations are guided by both the U.S. Constitution and federal immigration law. For medical staff, understanding these guidelines is essential to navigating the challenges posed by potential ICE operations, particularly in sensitive settings like hospitals.



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This month's Ethics Dispatch offers five guidelines to help healthcare providers understand ICE's legal boundaries, a case study involving an immigrant mother of a young cancer patient, and ethical musings about fear of the "other" and its impact on society.

Clinical Ethics Corner

Beneficence: Obligatory, Ideal and the Gray Space in Between

The only way to provide hydration and nutrition was through TPN, intravenous hydration and nutrition. The patient would have to stay in the hospital for about three weeks until he was ready for another round of chemotherapy.

The ethicist asks: What is our responsibility to this patient? What does this patient deserve? Would it be obligatory beneficence for this patient to receive chemotherapy, or would it be ideal beneficence for that patient to receive it?



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CPB Ethics Committee Consortium **Join Discussion of Complex Cases on April 8**

Are you a member of an Ethics Committee in a healthcare organization that partners with the Center to provide Ethics Services?

If yes, you won't want to miss the first meeting of the restructured **CPB Ethics Committee Consortium (ECC)**, scheduled to meet virtually on **Tuesday, April 8 at noon**. ECC meetings and webinars bring together professionals from diverse hospital systems and multiple states to collaborate on important bioethics issues.

As a member, you have access to:

- **ECC MEETINGS** – Participate in quarterly meeting focused on discussion of complex clinical ethics cases with opportunities for open, confidential dialogue.
- **EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS** – Join quarterly webinars featuring experts on current issues in bioethics.
- **CPB POLICY EXCHANGE** – Access and share policies and templates that inform best practices in healthcare ethics.

The ECC is a space for those passionate about medical ethics to learn and collaborate on the challenges that shape ethical decision-making in healthcare. If you're interested in contributing to these discussions, we welcome your participation.

Questions? Contact Cassie Shaffer Johnson
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**If your organization is not a member of CPB Ethics Services,
learn more [HERE](#).**



National Healthcare Decisions Day – April 16

A Personal Journey Toward Empowered End-of-Life Choices

Gloria Thomas Anderson's passion to promote Advance Care Planning has been inspired by the devastating effects of inequitable care provided to family members and her own near-death experience. In this essay, she describes how a simple conversation with her mother turned into a powerful discussion about her mother's care goals, and how National Healthcare Decisions Day on April 16 can be a timely reminder of the importance of making your healthcare wishes known.

Dr. Anderson developed the *Let's Talk about ACP™* program to help local leaders educate and empower their communities on issues involving end-of-life care and advance care planning. Administered by the Center since 2024, the program provides training and resources to facilitate ACP workshops for churches, community groups and organizations.

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