Possible Topics for the Ethics Forum

- Cloning human beings
- Human volunteers for medical research
- Human stem cell research
- Use of extra embryos from in vitro fertilization attempts as a source of embryonic stem cells to provide tissues for transplantation
- Use of embryonic germ cells
- The return of healthy research animals to the wild
- Use of animals in teaching (dissection) and its use as a requirement for some Biology courses
- Unlicensed use of commercial and shareware software
- Plagiarism Situations
- Selling organs for transplantation
- The deceptive benefits of placebos
- Should pregnant women be punished for behavior that could harm their fetus?
- Abortion
- Do politicians deserve medical privacy?
- Genetic testing and gene therapy
- Patients’ Bill of Rights vs. State’s rights
- The use of senior citizens in cancer, etc. research. Are they too old to benefit?
- We’ll pay you not to have kids: sterilization of drug addicts, HIV patients, etc.
- Helping HIV-infected babies
- Dr. Kevorkian and euthanasia
- Self-prescription/self-medication/homeopathic remedies for serious illness
- Medical research on prisoners and the military
- Selling eggs/sperm
- HIV test reporting: public protection or individual punishment?
- Should patient’s be privy to their doctor’s medical history/past? The idea of a national “doctor databank”
- Should our employers be privy to our genetic tests/medical histories?
- Decisions at life’s end
- Human error in medical information systems
- Unprofessional Practices
- Professional misconduct and physician discipline
- Consent of genetic research in Iceland
• Ethical issues with genetic testing in pediatrics
• First time cancer tests for embryo
• Should older women be offered *in vitro* fertilization?
• Physician-assisted suicide under Jewish law
• Does my religion approve of organ donation?
• Ethical aspects of xenotransplantation
• Ethical issues in Terminal Health Care
• Assisted suicide
• Ethical issues related to reproductive technologies
• Student objections to use of animals in teaching
• Ethics of Self-Prescription
• Eugenics at the Bedside
• Using Animals in Research: experiment discomfort, introducing viruses into the field
• Consent for archived tissue specimens
• Human genetic research: recruitment strategies and the informed consent process
• Using shared tissue samples for genetic research
• Question of host factors in side effects of medication
• Recontacting old research subjects with new clinical findings
• Disclosing preliminary results to research subjects
• Recruiting relatives of a proband with a stigmatizing condition
• Negotiating research practices with local communities
• Data selection, legitimate or illegitimate
• Personal privacy and medical databases
• Should we be able to choose our kids
• Prisoners and transplants
• Cloning pigs for parts
• Using soldiers as guinea pigs for biological weapons vaccinations
• Should pharmaceutical reps be allowed to give medical doctors gifts?
• Should ethical standards of research be universal or should they differ based on local beliefs and customs?
• Advance directives
• Research involving individuals with questionable capacity to consent
• Research involving recombinant DNA and hazardous biological materials
• Human Genome Project