



Defense Health Agency (DHA) Clinical Communities Speaker Series

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S05- Ethics in Pediatric Medicine: Current Considerations, Emerging Concerns

Resource List

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, in conjunction with the National Center for Bioethics and Research and Health Care at Tuskegee University, presented a six-part series on [Ethical Dilemmas in Child and Adolescent Health](#), (2019). This activity was designed to reduce the gap in awareness regarding factors that affect healthy aging among children and adolescents. Experts explain and illustrate these factors through data, programmatic activities and personal experiences. This series addresses how addressing public health ethics issues can decrease disparities among children and adolescents.

Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics publishes [The Journal of Pediatric Ethicscope](#) (n.d.) biannually. This academic journal is dedicated to presenting the work of multidisciplinary contributors sharing diverse, nuanced perspectives on issues in pediatric ethics, bioethics and clinical ethics. This journal focuses on the movement from bilateral clinical relations between patient and clinicians to trilateral relations involving minor patients, family and clinicians. This is the first continuously produced publication devoted to pediatric ethics.

Current Neurology and Neuroscience Reports published [Reflections on Ethics and Humanity in Pediatric Neurology](#), (2017). This article identifies the ethical dimensions inherent in any clinical encounter and attempts to bring to the forefront the myriad of opportunities to explore and learn from these ethical questions. Beauchamp and Childress's principles of biomedical ethics are highlighted. The authors describe what they understand as ethics and how and why developments in technology, novel potential interventions, policies, and societal perspectives challenge us to think and debate ethical issues. This article discusses how ethical situations and the use of existing ethical principles assists clinicians with analyzing and resolving difficult situations in clinical practice.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provides a webpage for their [Pediatric Ethics](#) (2018) program that provides information on ethical issues raised in the development and use of FDA-regulated products in infants, children and adolescents. Their mission is to assure that all FDA-regulated clinical trials enrolling children are scientifically sound and ethically appropriate. The FDA provides a pediatric ethics consultation service upon request to anyone within the FDA related to any ethical issue in FDA-regulated pediatric product development. They also explore ethical issues raised by pediatric studies required under the Pediatric Research Equity Act.



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