Possible Ethics Forum Topics

- 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
  - 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?
- 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 in 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