John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre
Annual Report
1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007
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• INTRODUCTION

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre is committed to excellence in health care ethics education, research and education. In 2006-2007 the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre (JDHEC) maintained this commitment. Some of JDHEC’s premier achievements over the year were (1) hosting its fourth annual, Health Ethics Symposium, (2) successfully being awarded funds to organize the visit of distinguished visitor, Dr. Nora Groce to the University of Alberta, and (3) organizing a Book Launch for *Beyond the Hippocratic Oath* by John B. Dossetor. Ongoing, established events such as Health Ethics Seminars, Grand Rounds, Alberta Bioethics Week, publication of the newsletter *Health Ethics Today*, and Clinical Ethics Committee Education Day, continued over different parts of the year.

• MISSION STATEMENT

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre is an interdisciplinary centre committed to work in the area of health ethics. Through partnership and dialogue, we promote professional and public reflection, debate and research on matters of ethical and moral concern in our healthcare facilities and in our community.

The Dossetor Centre strives to develop an interdisciplinary centre committed of excellence in health care ethics research, education and service in order to advance ethical considerations in the delivery of health care and in development of a sustainable, compassionate health care system for all Albertans. This is accomplished by a non-sectarian approach toward focused research and publication of specific ethical issues and excellence in health ethics education for students, faculty and staff at the University of Alberta, members of Capital Health, other health care agencies and the general public.

• JOHN DOSSETOR HEALTH ETHICS CENTRE OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

**Director**
Dick Sobsey, EdD
Professor
Faculty of Education

**Faculty**

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<tr>
<th>Wendy Austin, RN, PhD</th>
<th>Paul Byrne, MB, ChB, FRCP</th>
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<tr>
<td>Canada Research Chair</td>
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Staff

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<tr>
<td>Carol Nahorniak, BSc</td>
<td>Centre Administrator</td>
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<td>Edna Cunningham Liley</td>
<td>Information Officer</td>
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Adjunct Faculty

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<td>Ms. Tracey Bailey</td>
<td>Faculty of Law</td>
<td>University of Alberta</td>
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<td>Dr. Eric Blyth</td>
<td>University of Huddersfield</td>
<td>Huddersfield, England</td>
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<td>Dr. Ronald Damant</td>
<td>Pulmonary Medicine</td>
<td>University of Alberta</td>
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<td>Dr. Patricia Marck</td>
<td>Faculty of Nursing</td>
<td>University of Alberta</td>
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<td>Mr. Gary Goldsand</td>
<td>Royal Alexandra Hospital</td>
<td>University of Alberta</td>
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<td>Ms. Lisa Shields</td>
<td>Edmonton, Alberta</td>
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<td>Dr. Derek Truscott</td>
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<td>University of Alberta</td>
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CORE ACTIVITIES

Since its conception in 1985 the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre has provided scholarly excellence in health care ethics research, education and service to students, faculty and staff at the University of Alberta, members of Capital Health, other health care agencies and the general public.

Graduate courses taught were INT D 570 (Health Care Ethics) and INT D 670 (Research Ethics).

Research continued in the areas of: Clinical Practice, Disability Ethics, Relational Ethics, Neonatal-Perinatal Ethics, Compassion, Mental Health Care, Research Ethics, Health Policy, Human Rights, and International Health Ethics.

Service took place as:
- Clinical consultation
- Participation on:
  - Ethics Committees in the Capital Health region
  - University of Alberta Health Research Ethics Boards (Panel A and B)
  - Ethics Committee, Canadian Nurses Association
  - National Council on Ethics in Human Research
  - Alberta Health & Wellness Electronic Health Record Stewardship Committee
  - Alberta Health & Wellness Out-of-Country Health Services Appeal Panel
  - Interagency Panel on Research Ethics, Social Sciences and Humanities Working Committee
  - International Academy of Law and Mental Health
- Health Ethics Today (newsletter)
Core Activities continued:
- Health Ethics Seminar Series
- Health Ethics Symposium
- Alberta Bioethics Week
- Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds

- JOHN DOSSETOR HEALTH ETHICS CENTRE OPERATING BUDGET 2006-2007

### REVENUE
- Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry: $81,983.00
- Health Sciences Council: $53,500.00
- Health Science Council – Setup funds for new Director: $5,000.00
- External Revenue – Other Internal Revenue (UAH Foundation): $2,480.00
- External Revenue – Symposium Non-Credit Fees: $4,365.53
- Distinguished Visitor Fund: $5,521.36
- UNICEF Canada: $1,850.00
- Ethics Research Videos: $462.27

**TOTAL REVENUE** $155,162.16

### EXPENDITURES
- Support Staff Salaries: $106,447.21
- Benefits: $18,160.80
- Visiting Speakers’ Honoraria: $4,465.87
- Artists’ Fees for Bioethics Week Production: $1,200.00
- Supplies, Services & Sundries: $12,940.01
- Utilities: $0.00
- Communications: $5,606.55
- Travel/Hosting: $4,298.15
- Repairs & Maintenance: $0.00
- Credit Card Fees/Discount Fees: $90.15
- Rentals & Leases: $2,461.06
- Sponsorship for Edmonton Aging Symposium: $4,000.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** $159,669.80

### Academic Salaries:
- Wendy Austin: 1.0 FTE Nursing
- Paul Byrne: 0.2 FTE Medicine & Dentistry
- Brendan Leier: 0.3 FTE Medicine & Dentistry
- Glenn Griener: 0.6 FTE School of Public Health, 0.2 FTE Philosophy, 0.2 FTE Nursing
- Laura Shanner: 1.0 FTE School of Public Health
- Dick Sobsey: 0.5 FTE Faculty of Education, 0.5 FTE Health Sciences Council
## FACULTY RESEARCH FUNDING

### Research Funding and Awards to Faculty of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

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<td>$24,340</td>
<td>Community Consultation to Design an Intervention to Reduce AIDS Stigma</td>
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<td>Principal</td>
<td>The Caritas Health Group</td>
<td>$4,997.33</td>
<td>Compassion Fatigue: The Experience of Nurses</td>
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<td>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council</td>
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<td>Ethical Relationships in Forensic Settings</td>
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<td>Supporting Relationships Between Family and the Healthcare Team in Traditional Continuing Care Settings</td>
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<td>$247,613</td>
<td>Risks to Participants in Qualitative Interviews: Perspectives of Researchers, Participants, and Research Ethics Boards</td>
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<td>EQUIPP: A Training Program to Enhance Quantitative Understanding of Illness Processes and Prevention</td>
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<td>Treatment Choice for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome: A Question of Ethics</td>
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<td>Alberta Centre for Child, Family, and Community Research</td>
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<td>A Prospective Matched Cohort Regional Study of Child Long-Term Outcome After Trauma During Pregnancy</td>
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- TEACHING

AUSTIN:
- INT D 570 Healthcare Ethics - Spring 2006

BYRNE:
- INT D 570 Healthcare Ethics - Fall 2006 (with B. Leier)

Incidental Guest Lectures:
- MED 511
- Med 526 Patient-Centred Care Part II - Fall 2006 and Winter 2007
- PHARM 362 Pharmacy Laws & Ethics - Fall 2006

GRIENER:
- INT D 670 Research Ethics - Winter 2007

Incidental Guest Lectures:
- PHARM 362 Pharmacy Laws & Ethics - Fall 2006

LEIER:
- INT D 570 Healthcare Ethics - Fall 2006 (with P. Byrne)
- PHIL 389 Philosophy and Nursing II: Christian Perspectives - Winter 2007

Incidental Guest Lectures:
- MED 511
- MED 526 Patient-Centred Care Part II - Fall 2006 and Winter 2007
- PHARM 362 Pharmacy Laws & Ethics - Fall 2006

SOBSEY:

Incidental Guest Lectures:
- POTHER 525 Professional Issues II - Health Care, Ethics and Medical-Legal Issues - Summer 2006
- MED 526 Patient-Centred Care Part II - Fall 2006 and Winter 2007
- DDS 520 Patient-Centred Care - Fall 2006 and Winter 2007
- PHARM 362 Pharmacy Laws & Ethics - Fall 2006
• SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

AUSTIN:

**Supervision, Research Training**

**Supervision, Doctoral Degrees**

_In progress:_

**Supervisor**
Nicole Snow, Nursing, 2006 - (Supervisor) Community Mental Health Ethics
Peggy Daly, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisor)
Michele McIntosh, Nursing, 2005 - (Supervisor, Independent Study) Relational Ethics in Research Ethics
Cheryl Webster, Nursing, 2003 - (Supervisor) Depictions of Psychiatric Nursing in Film
Cindy Peternelj-Taylor, Nursing, 2002 - (Supervisor) Ethics, Engagement & Forensic Nursing
Marion Healy-Ogden, Nursing, 2001 - (Supervisor) The Lived Experience of Well-Being

**Co-Supervisor**
Jocelyn Dye-Grech, Nursing, 2003 - (Co-Supervisor) The Lived Experience of IVF & Selective Reduction/Abortion of Infertile Couples
Julija Kelecevic, Forensic Anthropology, 2001 - (Co-Supervisor) Situating Forensic Anthropology: Ethical and Professional Issues
Gerri Lasiuk, Nursing, 2001 - (Co-Supervisor) The Lived Experience of Pregnancy and Birth of Women with Histories of Childhood Sexual Abuse
Anne Marie Creamer, Nursing, 2002 - (Co-Supervisor) Stigma

**Supervisory Committee Member**
Catherine Thibeault, Nursing, (McGill University), 2005 - (Supervisory Committee) The Relational Experience of Hospitalized Persons with Acute Mental Illness and their Nurses
Michele McIntosh, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) Risks to Participants in Qualitative Research
Danielle Leigh Fullerton, Educational Psychology, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) Well-Being of Female Academics
Susan Ray, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) The Lived Experience of Peace-Keepers
Michelle Vandergriend, Educational Psychology, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) An Interpretive Inquiry of Adolescent Sibling Sexual Offenders’ Experience of Counselling
AUSTRIN continued:
Rebecca Porter, Nursing (University of Iowa), 2003 - (Supervisory Committee) Futility

Examinig Committee Member
Bashir Jiwani, Public Health Medicine, 2004 - (Examinign Committee for Proposal Defence)
Yu-Ri Kim, Educational Psychology, 2003 - (Examinign Committee for Candidacy Exam) Personal-Safety Vocabulary for Children with Disabilities
Shelley Raffin, Nursing, 1998 - (Examinign Committee for Proposal Defence)

Completed:
Judy Rashotte, Nursing, 2003 – 2007, (Supervisory Committee) The Transformational Journey of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Ann Marie Dewhurst, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Supervisory Committee) The Essence of Being An Ethical Psychologist

Supervision, Masters Degrees
In progress:
Duncan (Stewart) MacLennan, Nursing, 2005 - (Supervisor) Care Relationships with Incarcerated Youths
Pepper, Dawn, Nursing, 2006 – (Co-supervisor) Ethical Decision Making for Parents in the NICU
Dawn Kocuper, Nursing, 2005 – (Supervisor) Ethical Decision Making
Rose Martins, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisor) Moral Distress & the Health of Nurses
Monica Whitehead, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisor) Spirituality
Gillian Lemermeyer, Nursing, 2002 - (Supervisor) Relational Ethics in the NICU
Gwen Thompson, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) Nurses’ First Experience of Death in the ICU
Kathryn Fisher, (Co-supervisor), Aboriginal families with a child in PICU

Completed:
Joy Mekechuk, Nursing (course-based), 2004 - 2007 (Capstone Supervisor) Ethical Issues for Nurses in the PICU
Michael Allen Waite, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (External Examiner) Medical Error and its Disclosure

BYRNE:
Supervision, Doctoral Degrees
In progress:
Co-Supervisor
Jocelyn Dye-Grech, Nursing, 2003 - (Co-Supervisor) The Lived Experience of IVF & Selective Reduction/Abortion of Infertile Couples
BYRNE continued:
*Supervision, Masters Degrees*

**In progress:**
Gillian Lemermeyer, Nursing, 2002 - (Supervisory Committee) *Relational Ethics in the NICU*

**GRIENER:**
*Supervision, Doctoral Degrees*

**Completed:**
Dion Mark Blythe, Political Science, 2006 - (Examining Committee Member) *The Practice of 'Justice as Fairness': an Interpretation.*
Rodney Schmaltz, Psychology, 2006 - (Supervisory Committee Member)

**Supervision, Masters Degrees**

**Completed:**
Karleen Norton, Nursing, 2007 - (Supervisory Committee Member) *The Status of Continuing Ethics Review and Continuing Ethics Review Practices by Canadian Research Ethics Boards*

**SOBSEY:**
*Supervision, Doctoral Degrees*

**In progress:**
Tim Weinkauf, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Ambivalence Amplification Theory & People with Disabilities*
Yu-Ri Kim, Educational Psychology, 2003 - (Supervisor) *Abuse Prevention Training Vocabulary*
Shelley Watson, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Parents of Children with Disabilities & Differential Diagnosis*
Wanapa Intaprasert, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Families of Children with Developmental Disabilities*
Jocelyn Wilkie, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *PRN Orders and Dementia*
Robert Cey, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Changes in Sexual Preferences*

**Supervisory Committee Member**
Sandra Hodgetts, Educational Psychology, (Committee) *Weighted Vests and Autism*
Ursula Gardynik, Educational Psychology, (Committee) *Resilience in University Students with Learning Disabilities*
Kent Cameron, Educational Psychology, (Committee) *Relaxation Carrels for Children with Behavior Disorders*
Cheryl Webster, Nursing, 2003 - (Committee) *Depictions of Psychiatric Nurses in Film*

**Completed:**
Kevin Hatch, Educational Psychology, 2007 - (Supervisor) *Caregivers of Individuals with Autism*
Sonia Sobon, Educational Psychology, 2007 - (Co-Supervisor) *Attachment and Mental Health Status*
SOBSEY continued:
Mary Butler, (University of Otago; Examiner) 2007, *Practice Ethics in Brain Injury*
Sally Hayward, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Examiner) *Disability Perceptions in Canadian Court Cases*
Jason Dewling, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Committee) *Educating a Community for Inclusion*
Sandra Dyck-Soddard, Educational Psychology 2006 - (Committee) *Predictors of Successful and Unsuccessful Teaching*
Jennifer Lindquist, Educational Psychology 2006 - (Committee) *Case Studies Parent & Adolescent Conflict*

**Supervision, Masters Degrees**

**In progress:**
Michaela Jellen, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Teaching Empathy*
Katie McGillivary, Physical Education, (Committee) *Empowerment of PWD through Activity*
Lorna Sutherland, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Inclusive Friendships*
Chris Janzen, Educational Psychology, (course-based) (Supervisor)

**Completed:**
Roslyn Morgan, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Examiner), *Inclusion and Sports*
Gail Ferguson, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Supervisor), *Early Identification of Behaviour Problems*

- **PRESENTATIONS**

**Health Ethics Seminars:**
The Health Ethics Seminar series is open to all faculty, staff and students at the University of Alberta, as well as Capital Health staff and the public.

    Laura Shanner, PhD
    Associate Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

17 November 2006, *Ethical Health Care Issues in Family Violence*
    Dick Sobsey, EdD
    Director, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

    Ari Joffe, MD, FRCPC
    Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Alberta
    Pediatric Intensivist, Stollery Children’s Hospital
Health Ethics Seminars continued:
   Wendy Austin, RN, PhD
   Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care
   John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and Professor, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta

Presentation also part of Bioethics Week

University of Alberta Distinguished Visitor:
12 – 16 February 2007
   Nora Groce, PhD
   Medical Anthropologist and Director Yale/WHO Collaborating Centre
   Division of Global Health, Yale School of Public Health, Yale University

Dr. Nora Groce is a prolific scholar in the areas of bioethics, health and disability studies, as well as in child welfare and rights. Her visit was timely since many of her major achievements are topical and related directly to the fundamental mandate of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and our association with the Health Sciences Faculties at the University of Alberta. Through this visit, linkages and collaborations were forged with different faculties and departments of the University of Alberta and the Capital Health region, research and interest groups of bioethics, disabilities, health issues such as HIV-AIDS and human rights, organizations (UNICEF Canada, Provincial Health Ethics Network and CRHECC), as well as the community at large.

Seminars presented by Dr. Groce:
12 February 2007, *The UN Study of Violence Against Children*
   Global Health Rounds Seminar

13 February 2007, *AIDS and People with Disabilities: Bioethical Considerations*
   JDHEC Health Ethics Seminar

   Town and Gown Event

Bioethics Week 2007:
5 March 2007, *Voices at Dying, Dying to be Heard*
   A One Act Play
   Written by Heidi L. Janz, PhD
   Visiting Scholar, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

   Wendy Austin, RN, PhD
   Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care
   John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and Professor, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta
Health Ethics Symposium, Practices, Process, and Dialogue, 23 June 2006:

Special Guest, Arthur Frank, PhD
Professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Calgary

This one-day symposium examined “bioethics as practices, performed within institutions; bioethical decision-making as a process, unfolding over time; and the crucial nature of dialogue as the medium of that process”.

The symposium began with a plenary lecture by Dr. Frank. Small group discussions with group leaders from the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre faculty and a reporting of the groups to all attendees encompassed the day.

The annual Health Ethics Symposium reaches out to health care practitioners, students in health sciences, law and humanities, clinical ethics committee members, health care administrators and professional associations of many health care disciplines in Alberta (e.g., Alberta Medical Association, Health Sciences Association of Alberta, Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta), British Columbia and Saskatchewan, as well as the Provincial Health Ethics Network, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and many other professional organizations.

Book Launch, Beyond the Hippocratic Oath:

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre organized a Book Launch for Dr. John Dossetor’s book, Beyond the Hippocratic Oath.

20 September 2006
Bernard Snell Hall, Walter Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre

Grand Rounds:

21 November 2006, On the Banality of Ethics or Why Good People Do Very Bad Things
Brendan Leier, PhD
Clinical Ethicist, University and Stollery Children’s Hospitals
Assistant Clinical Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

Faculty Presentations:

AUSTIN:

AUSTIN continued:
The stigma within the stigma: Accessing health services when you are living with HIV. (Mill, J., Austin, W., Chaw-Kant, J., Dumont-Smith, C., Edwards, N., Jackson, J., Leonard, L., MacLean, L., Reintjes, F.) CIHR – Institute of Gender and Health 5 Year Anniversary Presentation. May 11, 2006. (Invited)


Being ethical in a global community: What is a nurse to do? The Globalisation of Nursing: Ethical, Legal, & Political Issues. The International Centre for Nursing Ethics, European Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey, Guildford, UK; July 9-11, 2006. (Keynote)


Moral distress and the mental health practitioner. Pastoral Care Ethics Series. Alberta Hospital Edmonton, Edmonton, AB; November 22, 2006. (Invited)

Exploring the challenges of ethical engagement in healthcare environments: Issues Revealed in the Movie, Wit Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Biomedical Ethics Conference. University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB; February 17, 2007 (Invited Workshop)

At risk: Ethical engagement within health care environments. Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Biomedical Ethics Conference. University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB; February 17, 2007 (Keynote)


Ethics in a time of contagion. Augustana Annual Theme Events. Augustana Campus, University of Alberta. Camrose, AB; March 7, 2007. (Invited)
AUSTIN continued:
Ethical engagement within health care environments: Is it being undermined? *Equity and Health*. Bioethics Week, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB; March 9, 2007. (Invited)

BYRNE:
Clinical Ethics. *Orthopaedic Academic Half Days*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; May 17, 2006.


To Trach or Not to Trach: Decision Making in the NICU. *Evening Seminar NICU Staff*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; June 8, 2006.


Withdrawal of Care – DNR. *Rounds-NICU Nursing Staff*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; July 19, 2006.

End of Life Decision Making in the NICU. *Fellows Teaching NICU*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; August 17, 2006.

What is a Good Doctor. *Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Second Annual Student Clinician Ceremony & GHHS Resident Teaching Awards*. Bernard Snell Hall Theatre, University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; September 7, 2006. (Keynote)

Ethical Cases. *Internal Medicine Grand Rounds*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; October 21, 2006.


The Ethics of Limitation of Care and Withdrawal of Treatment in NICU. *Biannual Workshop, Alberta Neonatal Nurses Association*. Bill Black Auditorium, Glenrose Hospital, Edmonton, AB; November 10, 2006.

*PICU Ethical Cases*. PICU Stollery Children’s Hospital, Edmonton, AB; January 10, 2007.

*Medical Clinical Teaching Skills*. NICU Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, AB; January 24, 2007.
GRIENER:


LEIER:
Is it Possible to Nurture Compassion in a Healthcare Organization? Provincial Health Ethics Network Annual Meeting. Edmonton, AB; May 2006. (Invited)


On the Banality of Ethics or Why Good People Do Very Bad Things, UAH/SCH Clinical Ethics Committee Grand Rounds. University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB; November, 21 2006,

Who is my Brother? Care for Those Living at Risk. Calgary Health Region Long Term Care Retreat. Calgary, AB; December 2006. (Invited)

Ethics, Risk, and Human Flourishing. Annual Regional Mental Health Day. Edmonton, AB; February 2007. (Invited)

SOBSEY:
An Ethics of Aspiration: Promoting an Authentic Ethical Climate within Health Organizations. [Moderator & Discussant]. PHEN (Provincial Health Ethics Network), Edmonton, AB; May, 2006.

Three-day Family Leadership Training Series. Facilitator (with B. Uditsky and others), six weekends; June to October, 2006.


Choosing a Path: Families of Children with Disabilities: Coping or Transformation. (with Z. Sayeed), Alberta Early Years Conference. Edmonton, AB; October 2006.

Three-day Family Leadership Training. Facilitator (with J. O’Brien and others), Canmore, AB; October 2006.
SOBSEY continued:


Special Preconference on Violence & Disability. Association of University Centers on Disability Conference. Washington, DC; November, 2006. (Keynote on Violence & Disability)

The pros and cons of psychological testing and assessment (with P. Calder), Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education. Edmonton, AB; December 2006.


• PUBLICATIONS

John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre:
The newsletter, Health Ethics Today, has a circulation of approximately 7,500, which includes Alberta physicians and health care professionals, academics, members of the Canadian Bioethics Society, the Provincial Health Ethics Network and friends of the Dossetor Centre, In addition, issues of Health Ethics Today are posted on the Dossetor Centre´s website: (http://www.ualberta.ca/BIOETHICS/).

Health Ethics Today, 2006, Volume 16, Number 1

Faculty Publications:

AUSTIN:

Books

Chapters
**AUSTIN continued:**


**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**


**Abstracts and Non-peer Reviewed Articles**


BYRNE:
Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles


GRIENER:

LEIER:
Chapters

Non-peer Reviewed Articles

SOBSEY:
Chapters


SOBSEY continued:


Articles


• FACULTY, UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP

AUSTIN:
Committee Memberships
- Member, Editorial Review Board, Journal of Ethics in Mental Health (2005- )
- Member, Ethics Committee, Canadian Nurses Association (2001-2006)
- Editorial Review Board Member, Advances in Nursing Science (1999- )
- Board Member, International Academy of Law and Mental Health (2001- )

AUSTIN continued:
University Affiliated Memberships
- Member, Ethics Advisory Group, Aboriginal Capacity and Developmental Research Environment Network (ACADRE) (2002- )
- Board Member, Health Law Institute, University of Alberta

University Program Memberships
- Peer Consultant, University Teaching Service (1990- )

Faculty Committee Memberships
- Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee (2006-2007)
- Member, Faculty Selections Committee (2005-2006)

Reviewer
- Canadian Public Policy (2005- )
- Social Science and Medicine (2005- )
- Nursing Ethics (2004- )
- International Nursing Review (2001- )
- Qualitative Health Research (2000- )
- Clinical Nursing Research (1995- )
- Western Journal of Nursing Research (1995- )

BYRNE:
Professional, Community and University Service
- Committee Member, University of Alberta and Stollery Children’s Hospitals’ Clinical Ethics (1995- )
- Bioethics Consultant, Research Ethics Board, University of Alberta/Capital Health/Caritas (1998- )
- Member, Canadian Bioethics Society (1993- )
- Member, Catholic Bioethics Interest-Group, St. Joseph’s College (1994- )
- Member, Canadian Council for Donation and Transplantation (2002- )

Society Membership
- American Academy of Cerebral Palsy & Developmental Medicine
**BYRNE continued:**
- The Western Society for Pediatric Research
- Canadian Pediatric Society

**Reviewer**
- Medical Research Council of Canada
- American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology
- The Physicians’ Services Incorporated Foundation
- Health Sciences Center Foundation

**GRIENER:**
**University and Capital Health Affiliated Committee Membership**
- Associate Director, Human Research Protections Office (2004-2006)
- Chair, Health Research Ethics Board – Social & Behavioural Panel (2004-)
- Member, Health Research Ethics Board – Social & Behavioural Panel (1999-)
- Biosafety Committee (1999-)
- Vice-Chair, University Committee on Human Research Ethics (2004-2006)
- EMR Data Stewardship and Standard Committee, Capital Health (2006-)

**Community Service**
- Alberta Advisory Committee on AIDS, Alberta Health and Wellness (2002-)
- Electronic Health Record Data Stewardship Committee, Alberta Health and Wellness (2003-)
- Public Member & Member of Research Task Group
- Acting Chair - Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) Committee on Research Ethics Boards Reviewing Clinical Trials (2007-)

**Membership and Service in Professional Organizations**
- Council Member, National Council on Ethics in Human Research (2005-)
- Special Working Committee, Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Ethics (2003-)
- Chair, Canadian Institutes for Health Research Ethics, Law and Humanities (2006-2007)
- Peer Review Committee, Canadian Institutes for Health Research Ethics, Law and Humanities (2003-)
- Canadian Patient Safety Institute (2005-)

**LEIER:**
**Professional, University and Community Service**
- Research Ethics Review Committee, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (2006-)
- Member, Capital Region Health Ethics Coordinating Council (2006-)
- Committee Member, Caritas Health Group Clinical Ethics Services (2003-2006)
LILEY:
Professional, University and Community Service
- Committee Member, University of Alberta and Stollery Children’s Hospitals’ Clinical Ethics

NAHORNIAK:
Professional, University and Community Service
- Secretariat, University of Alberta and Stollery Children’s Hospitals’ Clinical Ethics Committee (2004-)
- Secretariat, Capital Region Health Ethics Coordinating Council (2004-2007)
- Advisory Search Committee, Vice-President Research, University of Alberta (2006)

- HEALTH ETHICS CONSULTATION SERVICE
Administrative support for the consultation service of the University of Alberta Ethics Committee is provided by the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre. Requests for ethics consultation by patients, family and healthcare providers are received and coordinated by the Centre. Coordination involves obtaining the information and then forwarding it to the Clinical Ethicist and may involve assembling a team from the UAH ethics committee to respond to the request. On average the committee receives 7-8 detailed ethics consultations per month in addition to many telephone and 'corridor' consultations.

- LIBRARY RESOURCES
The Library in the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre contains a wide range of books and journals in the area of health ethics including, clinical ethics, end-of-life issues, women’s issues (feminist bioethics), philosophy, psychology, technology and ethics, law and medicine, transplantation, ethics education, reproductive issues, relational ethics, nursing ethics, and ethical theory. In addition, the Library has a variety of health ethics video tapes. University faculty members, students, Capital Health staff, as well as the public are welcome to utilize the facility by appointment.

Some of the more current journals available:
- ACTA Bioethica (2000-2001)
- Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (1997-2000)
- Bioetica Informa (1999-2002)
- Bioethics Examiner (1997-2006)
- Bulletin of Medical Ethics (1988-2006)
Library Resources continued:

- Journal of Clinical Ethics (1990-2007)
- Journal of Medical Ethics (1989-2007)
- Nursing Ethics (1997-2003)

- MEDIA REQUESTS

The faculty of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre responded to requests, as well as had feature articles in local and national media on a variety of health ethics issues. Some examples:

**DISTINGUISHED VISITOR, NORA GROCE:**

Byles, I. Visiting speaker says disabled community at high-risk for AIDS infection.

*ExpressNews, University of Alberta*, 14 February 2007,

http://www.expressnews.ualberta.ca/print.cfm?id=8230

**Faculty Interviews:**

**LEIER:**

Interviews on the following topics with the Edmonton Journal:

- Uterus Transplants
- Disclosure to Patients Exposed to Risk
- Prerequisite Genetic Testing for Paternity in Refugee Claimants
- Ethics of Multiple Births
- Ethics of Organ Transplantation

**SOBSEY:**

SOBSEY continued:


