

Date of Presentation: March 22, 2000

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Issues in Social Work"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Medical Social Workers

Date of Presentation: March 21, 2000

Title of Presentation: "End-of-Life Issues"

Institution/Society Name: OU Health Sciences Center, Tulsa, Family Practice  
Academic Afternoon

Date of Presentation: February 29, 2000

Title of Presentation: "Do-Not-Resuscitate Decisions"

Institution/Society Name: Hillcrest HealthCare System, Tulsa, Community  
Symposium

Date of Presentation: February 26, 2000

Title of Presentation: "Decisions at the End of Life"

Institution/Society Name: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Tulsa, Family Life  
Seminar

Date of Presentation: February 24, 2000

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Issues in Organ Transplantation"

Institution/Society Name: OU Health Sciences Center, Tulsa, Student Bioethics  
Conference

Date of Presentation: February 10, 2000

Title of Presentation: "Truthfulness in the Physician-Patient Relationship"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Pediatric Academic  
Afternoon

Date of Presentation: January 26, 2000

Title of Presentation: "Lying to Patients"

Institution/Society Name: OU Health Sciences Center, Tulsa, Student Bioethics  
Conference

Date of Presentation: December 2, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Confidentiality in the Health System"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Pediatric Academic  
Afternoon

Date of Presentation: November 24, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Pain Management"

Institution/Society Name: OU Health Sciences Center, Tulsa, Student Bioethics  
Conference

Date of Presentation: October 7, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Training Issues: Learning Procedures"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Pediatric Academic  
Afternoon

Date of Presentation: September 22, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Genetics and Genetic Testing"

Institution/Society Name: St. John Hospital, Tulsa, Surgery Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: September 13, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Physician-Assisted Suicide" and "Withholding, Withdrawing Therapy and Medical Futility"

Institution/Society Name: OU Health Sciences Center, Tulsa, EPEC Seminar

Date of Presentation: September 10-11, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Understanding Oklahoma Law Concerning Advance Directives, Living Wills and DNR"

Institution/Society Name: Bartlett memorial Medical Center, Sapulpa, Ethics Conference

Date of Presentation: August 17, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Parental Refusal of Care"

Institution/Society Name: OU Health Sciences Center, Tulsa, Pediatric Academic Afternoon

Date of Presentation: July 28, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Advanced Care Planning and Legal Issues" and "Physician-Assisted Suicide"

Institution/Society Name: OU Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, EPEC Seminar

Date of Presentation: June 18, 1999

Title of Presentation: "End-of-Life Decision Making"

Institution/Society Name: OU Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, Student Summer Institute

Date of Presentation: May 27, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Issues in Informed Consent"

Institution/Society Name: OU Health Sciences Center, Tulsa, Surgery Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: May 20, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Dilemmas in Neonatal/Perinatal Care"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Neonatal/Pediatric Care Symposium

Date of Presentation: May 14, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Decision Making in the Neonatal Setting"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, EOPC Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: March 10, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Medical Decisions for Minors: When Should Children Make the Call?"

Institution/Society Name: St. John Medical Center, Tulsa, Pediatric Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: March 9, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Communication with Patients: Empathetic Models Delivering Bad News"

Institution/Society Name: St. John Medical Center, Tulsa, Surgery Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: March 9, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Suffering and End-of-Life Care"

Institution/Society Name: University of Tulsa, Newman Center, Tulsa, Faculty-Student Symposium

Date of Presentation: January 20, 1999

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Considerations in Alzheimer's Disease"

Institution/Society Name: Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma Chapter, Tulsa, Symposium

Date of Presentation: November 5, 1998

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Decision Making in the Catholic Health System"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa EOPC Ethics Rounds

Date of Presentation: September 2, 1998

Title of Presentation: "Oklahoma's New DNR Law"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Pediatric Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: October 29, 1997

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Issues in Pediatric Nursing"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Nursing Rounds

Date of Presentation: July 9, 1997

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Issues in Death and Dying"

Institution/Society Name: Children's Medical Center, Tulsa, Ethics Conference

Date of Presentation: June 26, 1997

Title of Presentation: "Life and Death Issues: the Catholic Perspective"

Institution/Society Name: St. Mary's Church, Tulsa, Family Life Seminar

Date of Presentation: April 26, 1997

Title of Presentation: "Medical/Surgical Ethics"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: March 6, 1997

Title of Presentation: "Assisted Suicide Roundtable"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, IEC

Date of Presentation: November 6, 1996

Title of Presentation: "Introduction and Overview of Medical Ethics: Doctor-Patient Relationship and Obligations of Professionals"

Institution/Society Name: OU College of Medicine, Tulsa, Grand Rounds  
Date of Presentation: September 27, 1996

Title of Presentation: “Communicating With Families of Patients in High Risk Situations”

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Ethics Rounds  
Date of Presentation: July 25, 1996

Title of Presentation: “Organ Transplantation—the Child as Donor” (Panelist)

Institution/Society Name: Children’s Medical Center, Tulsa, Pediatric Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: July 25, 1996

Title of Presentation: “Ethics in the Medical Field”

Institution/Society Name: OU Pre-Medical Professions Club, Norman, OK

Date of Presentation: February 28, 1996

Title of Presentation: “Business Ethics in Health Care”

Institution/Society Name: St. John Medical Center, Tulsa, Goodman Symposium

Date of Presentation: February 9, 1996

Title of Presentation: “Ethical Issues in Liver Transplantation”

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa

Date of Presentation: November 8, 1995

Title of Presentation: “Ethical Issues in Organ Transplantation”

Institution/Society Name: American Red Cross, Tulsa Chapter

Date of Presentation: May 24, 1995

Title of Presentation: “Sexual Ethics and Family Life”

Institution/Society Name: St. Mary’s Church, Tulsa, Benziger Family Life Program

Date of Presentation: April 4, 1995

Title of Presentation: “Human Genetics: Issues and Concerns”

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa Panel Discussion

Date of Presentation: September 16, 1994

Title of Presentation: “Acting on Health Care: Catholic Views on Health Care Reform”

Institution/Society Name: Christ the King Church, Tulsa

Date of Presentation: April 17, 1994

Title of Presentation: “The Problem of Futility”

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Ethics Rounds

Date of Presentation: April 6, 1994

Title of Presentation: “Ethical Concerns of Nutritional Life Support”

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa Ethics Rounds

Date of Presentation: February 23, 1994

Title of Presentation: "Health Care: Worried Sick about the System?"

Institution/Society Name: Helmerich Center, Tulsa, Leadership Tulsa Seminar

Date of Presentation: December 7, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Issues in Perinatal Nursing"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Regional Nursing Conference

Date of Presentation: November 12, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Catholic Morality"

Institution/Society Name: St. Mary's Church, Tulsa

Date of Presentation: October 17, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Issues in the NICU"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, EOPC Ethics Rounds

Date of Presentation: October 6, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Ethics and Economics: Can Medical Ethics Survive Health Care Reforms?"

Institution/Society Name: Hope Unitarian Church, Tulsa

Date of Presentation: September 9, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Ethics in Medical Practice"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa

Date of Presentation: September 2, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Ectopic Pregnancy—Current Treatment Options/Ethical Considerations"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa

Date of Presentation: September 1, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Baby Doe Revisited"

Institution/Society Name: St John Medical Center, Tulsa, Pediatric Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: August 10, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Biomedical Ethics"

Institution/Society Name: OU College of Medicine, Tulsa

Date of Presentation: July 27, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Termination of Treatment"

Institution/Society Name: Temple Israel, Tulsa, Facing Tough Medical Decisions Series

Date of Presentation: July 12, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Bioethics—The Challenge of Today"

Institution/Society Name: OU Medical Alumni Association, Oklahoma City, OK

Date of Presentation: May 1, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Emergency Room Ethics"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Ethics Rounds

Date of Presentation: April 4, 1993

Title of Presentation: "The Family's Role in Refusal of Care"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Ethics Rounds

Date of Presentation: March 17, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Sexual Mores and Morality"

Institution/Society Name: St. Mary's Church, Tulsa, Benziger Life Series

Date of Presentation: March 8, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Advance Directives: Ethical Issues for Physicians"

Institution/Society Name: Broken Arrow Medical Center, Broken Arrow, OK

Date of Presentation: January 12, 1993

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Considerations in Perinatology-VLBW"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, New Horizons in Perinatology Regional Conference

Date of Presentation: November 5, 1992

Title of Presentation: "The Norms of Catholic Morality for Adults"

Institution/Society Name: St. Mary's Church, Tulsa

Date of Presentation: October 16, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Life and Dignity of the Human Person"

Institution/Society Name: Beckerle Center, Tulsa, Catholic Social Teaching Series

Date of Presentation: October 16, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Miss Evan's Boys"

Institution/Society Name: University of Tulsa, Panel Discussion-Ethics in Research

Date of Presentation: September 10, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Function of the Hospital Ethics Committee"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, All Physicians Conference

Date of Presentation: September 2, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Considerations in Neonatal Care"

Institution/Society Name: University of Tulsa Nursing School

Date of Presentation: April 22, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Surgery in a Jehovah's Witness Infant"

Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Pediatric Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: April 15, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Critical Care Ethics Rounds  
Date of Presentation: March 18, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Issues in Dying and the PSDA"  
Institution/Society Name: American Association of Critical Care Nurses Seminar, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: February 21, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Death and Dying: Moral and Religious Issues"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Antony's Orthodox Church, Tulsa, St. Anne Institute  
Date of Presentation: February 20, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Food and Hydration Law: Implications for the Clinical Setting"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Nursing Ethics Rounds  
Date of Presentation: February 19, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Principles of Medical Ethics"  
Institution/Society Name: St. John Medical Center, Tulsa, Goodman Symposium  
Date of Presentation: February 12, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Withholding Nutrition and Hydration"  
Institution/Society Name: Tulsa District Dietetic Association  
Date of Presentation: February 11, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide"  
Institution/Society Name: Oral Roberts University, Alpha Epsilon Delta Lecture  
Date of Presentation: February 6, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Hospice Care: Ethical Issues"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospice, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: January 16, 1992

Title of Presentation: "Assisted Suicide and the Physician"  
Institution/Society Name: OUCOM Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: December 11, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Conflicts in Medicine" and "Bioethical Dilemmas in Religious Traditions"  
Institution/Society Name: OUCOM, Tulsa Mini course  
Date of Presentation: December 2-6, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Aspects of Placebo Therapy: Patient's Right to Know"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Grand Rounds

Date of Presentation: November 21, 1991

Title of Presentation: "HIV Testing"  
Institution/Society Name: OUCOM Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: November 13, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Ethics Consultations: How and When?"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa Grand Rounds  
Date of Presentation: October 31, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Is Anti-Abortion Pro-Life?"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Pius Church, Tulsa, Knights of Columbus  
Date of Presentation: October 20, 1991

Title of Presentation: "The Dignity of Persons: Ethical Requirements"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Pius Church, Tulsa, Catholic Social Teaching Panel  
Date of Presentation: October 16, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Bioethics and You"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Mary's Catholic School, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: October 16, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Needlestick Exposures to HIV: Ethical Implications"  
Institution/Society Name: OUCOM Tulsa, Dean's Conference  
Date of Presentation: September 20, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Perinatal Ethics"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: August 7, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Aspects of Decision Making for Neonates"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: June 1991

Title of Presentation: "Patients with AIDS"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: June 1991

Title of Presentation: "Ethical Dilemmas in Critical Care"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Continuing Education  
Course for Critical Care Nurses  
Date of Presentation: May 8-9, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Ethics in Health Care Administration"  
Institution/Society Name: University Center at Tulsa, Colloquium for Master of  
Public Health Students  
Date of Presentation: April 20, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Genetic Engineering"



Institution/Society Name: OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: April 4, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Cystinosis: Ethical Aspects of Management"  
Institution/Society Name: Children's Medical Center, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: April 2, 1991

Title of Presentation: "How You Got to be You"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Benzinger Family Life  
Class  
Date of Presentation: March 18, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Doctors, Dollars and Decisions"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Symposium  
Date of Presentation: February 20, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Is There a Christian Medical Ethic?"  
Institution/Society Name: Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Alpha Epsilon Delta  
Pre-Medical Honor Society  
Date of Presentation: February 6, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Medicine and Christian Service"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: January 30, 1991

Title of Presentation: "Impact of Medical Advances Affecting the Length of  
Life"  
Institution/Society Name: University of Tulsa Conference The Impact of Cruzan  
and OK HB 1482 on Medical Decision Making in Oklahoma  
Date of Presentation: October 5, 1990

Title of Presentation: "Withholding and Withdrawing Care"  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa Grand Rounds  
Date of Presentation: October 1990

Title of Presentation: "Brain Death Controversies"  
Institution/Society Name: Tulsa Regional Medical Center  
Date of Presentation: October 1990

Title of Presentation: "Brain Death in Children: Ethical Aspects"  
Institution/Society Name: OUCOM Tulsa, Pediatric Grand Rounds  
Date of Presentation: September 1990

Title of Presentation: "Medical Ethics and the Catholic Physician"  
Institution/Society Name: St. John Medical Center, Tulsa  
Date of Presentation: September 1990

Title of Presentation: "The Right to Die: Do We have a Choice?"  
Institution/Society Name: Doctor's Hospital, Tulsa Panel Discussion  
Date of Presentation: May 16, 1990

Title of Presentation: "Life or Death: Who Decides?"  
Institution/Society Name: PUCM Tulsa, Ethics Conference for Health Care Professionals  
Date of Presentation: March 14, 1990

**UNIVERSITY,  
MEDICAL  
COLLEGE &  
HOSPITAL  
SERVICE:**

**Department/School/University:** Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Palliative Care Committee  
Date(s) of Service: 1999-2012

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Admissions Board  
Date(s) of Service: 2003-2012

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Committee of Inquiry  
Date(s) of Service: 2005-2012

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Promotion and Tenure Committee  
Date(s) of Service: 2005-2009

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa, Department of Pediatrics  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Faculty Evaluation/Promotion Committee  
Date(s) of Service: 1984-2012

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa, Office of the Dean  
Role/Function: Chairman  
Committee Name: Dean's Conference Committee on Medical Ethics,  
Date(s) of Service: 1987-2012

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa

Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Educational Focus Group  
Date(s) of Service: 1993-2012

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Institutional Review Board  
Date(s) of Service: 1994 -2000

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa, Dean's Office  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Institutional Study Group-Administration  
Date(s) of Service: 1995

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa, Department of Psychiatry  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Search Committee-Chair of the Department of Psychiatry,  
Date(s) of Service: 1995-1996

**Department/School/University:** The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Dean's Search Committee  
Date(s) of Service: 2001

**Department/School/University:** St. Francis Health System, Tulsa, OK  
Role/Function: Co-Director  
Committee Name: CME Online Tutorials Program  
Date(s) of Service: 2005-2012

**Department/School/University:** St. Francis Health System, Tulsa, OK  
Role/Function: Co-Chair  
Committee Name: Institutional Ethics Committee  
Date(s) of Service: 1995-2012

**Department/School/University:** St. Francis Health System, Tulsa, OK  
Role/Function: Chair  
Committee Name: Institutional Review Board  
Date(s) of Service: 1991-2008

**Department/School/University:** St. Francis Health System, Tulsa, OK  
Role/Function: Member  
Committee Name: Nutritional Support Committee  
Date(s) of Service: 1998-2012

**Department/School/University:** St. Francis Health System, Tulsa, OK – Eating Disorders Unit  
**Role/Function:** Member  
**Committee Name:** Patient Care Committee  
**Date(s) of Service:** 1985-2012

**Department/School/University:** St. Francis Health System, Tulsa, OK  
**Role/Function:** Member  
**Committee Name:** Endoscopy Committee  
**Date(s) of Service:** 1983-2012

**Department/School/University:** St. Francis Health System, Tulsa, OK  
**Role/Function:** Member  
**Committee Name:** Endoscopy Credentialing Committee  
**Date(s) of Service:** 1990-2012

**Department/School/University:** Hillcrest Medical Center, Tulsa, OK  
**Role/Function:** Member  
**Committee Name:** Medical Ethics Committee  
**Date(s) of Service:** 1990-2012

**TEACHING  
ACTIVITIES:**

**Medical School Courses**

**Name and Course Number:** Bioethics  
**Role:** Course Director/Professor  
**Number of Direct Contact Hours:**  
    **Medical Students:** 24 hours annually  
    **Residents:** 35 hours annually  
**Year Taught:** 1992-2012  
**Number of Students:** 50-60 per year  
**Overall Evaluation Score:** 4/5 (above average)

**Name and Course Number:** PEDS GI  
**Role:** Course Director/Professor  
**Number of Direct Contact Hours:**  
    **Medical Students (Lecture):** 12 hours annually  
    **Residents:** 6 months annually  
**Year Taught:** 1982-2012  
**Number of Students:** 30 per year  
**Overall Evaluation Score:** 4/5 (above average)

**Medical School Clerkships**

**Name of Clerkship:** MSIII  
**Role:** Clerkship Director

Number of Direct Contact Hours: 6 weeks  
Year Taught: 1982-2012  
Number of Students/Fellows: 30 annually  
Overall Evaluation Score: 4/5 (above average)

Average number of Clinical Fellows you train per year = 0  
Average number of Residents you train per year = 30  
Average number of Medical Students you train per year = 50-60

**Teaching Recognition/Awards** – include both nominations and awards

Award Name: Gold Foundation Lifetime Humanism Honor Award for Exemplary Demonstration of Respect for Human Beings through Practice and Teaching of Medicine  
Year: 2005

Award Name: Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey: Humanism in Medicine  
Award: Recognizing the Integration of Humanism in the Delivery of Health Care to Patients and Their Families  
Date: 2000

**COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES:**

**Joint Grants**

Agency: Wyeth Research (Kendle International)  
Identifying Number: N/A  
Title of Project: "A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind Study of the Safety, Tolerability, and Clinical Outcomes of 2 Doses (20 and 40mg) of Oral Pantoprazole in Children (12 to 16 years old) with Symptomatic GERD"  
Dates of Project Period: June 2003  
Role on Project: Investigator  
Percent Effort: 5%  
Total Dollar Amount: \$36,800

Agency: Glaxo-Wellcome  
Identifying Number: N/A  
Title of Project: "Alosetron in Childhood IBS"  
Dates of Project Period: 1999-2000  
Role on Project: Investigator  
Percent Effort: 5%  
Total Dollar Amount: \$21,980.00

**SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH:**

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

Agency: Tulsa Medical Education Annual Grant  
Identifying Number: N/A  
Title of Project: Oklahoma Bioethics Center  
Dates of Project Period: 1994-2012  
Role on Project: Director/Principal Investigator

Percent Effort: 25%  
Total Dollar Amount: \$67,500

Agency: Carnation/Nestle  
Identifying Number: N/A  
Title of Project: "Formula Intolerance in Acute Gastroenteritis"  
Dates of Project Period: 1995  
Role on Project: Principal Investigator  
Percent Effort: 10%  
Total Dollar Amount: \$55,000

## PUBLICATIONS

### Original Papers in Refereed Journals

#### **Bioethics:**

1. **Donovan, GK:** "The Disabled and Their Lives of Purpose." *The Linacre Quarterly*, Vol. 74, No.3:263-267 AUGUST 2007 Online: JANUARY 2008
2. Fallat, M and **Donovan, GK: UPDATE** "Ethical and Legal Considerations in Pediatric Surgery", *emedicine.medscape.com* (from WebMD), April 24, 2006
3. Fallat ME, Glover J and AAP Committee on Bioethics. "Professionalism in Pediatrics" *Pediatrics*, 2007; 120:e1123-e1133.
4. Seaman, Rachel M.H., **Donovan, GK** {mentoring co-author} "The Ethics and Economics of Consuming Canadian Drugs" *JOKLA State Med Assoc.*, Vol. 98, No. 1 JAN 2005 [mentored paper]
5. Diekema DS and AAP Committee on Bioethics. "Responding to Parental Refusals of Immunization of Children", *Pediatrics*, 2005; 115: 1428-1431.
6. Schneiderjan Stephanie and **Donovan, GK.** "Ethics *versus* Education: Pelvic Exams on Anesthetized Women." *Journal Oklahoma State Medical Association*, (8):386-8, AUG 2005
7. Fallat, Mary E., Deshpande, Jayant K; **Donovan, GK.** "Do Not Resuscitate Orders for Pediatric Patients Who Require Anesthesia and Surgery." *American Academy of Pediatrics. (Clinical Report)* 114 No. 6:1686-1692, Dec 2004.
8. Nelson RM and AAP Committee on Bioethics. "Ethical Issues with Genetic Testing in Pediatrics." *Pediatrics*, 107:1451-1455. 2001.
9. Committee on Bioethics. "Institutional Ethics Committees", *Pediatrics*, 2001; 107: 205-209
10. Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect and Committee on Bioethics. "Forgoing Life-Sustaining Medical Treatment in Abused Children", *Pediatrics*, 2000; 106:1151-1153.
11. Committee on Bioethics and Committee on Hospital Care. "Palliative Care for Children", *Pediatrics*, 2000; 106: 351-357.
12. Committee on School Health and Committee on Bioethics. "Do Not Resuscitate Orders in School", *Pediatrics*, 2000; 105: 878-879.
13. Committee on Bioethics. "Sterilization of Minors with Developmental Disabilities", *Pediatrics*, 1999, 104: 337-340.

14. Committee on Bioethics. "Appropriate Boundaries in the Pediatrician-Family-Patient Relationship, Pediatrics, 1999, 104: 334-336 (Revised)
15. **Donovan, GK**: "Decisions at the End of Life: Catholic Tradition." Christian Bioethics, 3:188-203, 1997.
16. **Donovan, GK**: "Does Shooting Abortionists Reveal a Lack of Faith?" Linacre Quarterly, 61:1, 1994.
17. **Donovan, GK**: "Anencephalic Organ Donation in Oklahoma: Right Problem, Wrong Answer." Journal Oklahoma State Medical Association, 86:128-130, 1993.

#### **Pediatrics/GI:**

18. Dahshan A., Donovan KG. "Bougienage versus Endoscopy for Esophageal Coin Removal in Children" Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology. 41(5):454-6, MAY 2007
19. Dahshan A., Donovan KG, "Severe Methemoglobinemia complicating topical benzocaine use during endoscopy in a toddler: a case report and review of the literature." Pediatrics.(4):e806-9 APRIL 2006
20. Dahshan A., Donovan GK. Halabi IM. Ranne R. Li M. Illig WP. "Helicobacter pylori and infantile hypertrophic pyloric stenosis: is there a possible relationship?" Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition. 42(3):262-4, MAR 2006
21. Dahshan Ahmed and **Donovan, GK**. "Isolated Superior Mesenteric Artery Thrombosis." Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology, 34:554-556, 2002.
22. Dahshan Ahmed and **Donovan, GK**. "Auto-Brewery Syndrome in a Child with Short Gut Syndrome": Case Report and Review of the Literature. Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, 33:214-215, 2001.
23. **Donovan, GK**: "Constipation and Encopresis in Children." Dial Access Article, Southern Medical Association, 1999.
24. **Donovan, GK** and Yazdi AJ: "Endoscopic Diagnosis of Pylorus Stenosis." Journal Oklahoma State Medical Association, 89:58-9, 1996.
25. **Donovan, GK**, Plunket DC and Block R: "Management of Pediatric Encopresis." Practical Reviews in Pediatrics, (Audio Cassette Series) 18:10, 1995.
26. **Donovan, GK**: "Formula Intolerance in Infancy." Buen Salud Journal, Puerto Rico, 1990.
27. **Donovan, GK**: "Hirschsprung's Disease: Diagnostic Pitfalls." Practical Reviews in Pediatrics, (Audiocassette Series) 10:7, 1987.
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**Georgetown University**  
**2012-present**  
**Director, Pellegrino Center for Clinical Bioethics and**  
**Professor, Department of Pediatrics**

**Presentations:**

**2012 Presentations**

Title of Presentation: Bioethics Class  
Institution/Society Name: Howard University  
Date of Presentation: September 5, 2012

Title of Presentation: Ethics Session for Plastic Surgery Residents  
Institution/Society Name: Medstar Georgetown University Hospital  
Date of Presentation: August 23, 2012

Title of Presentation: Clinical Ethics  
Institution/Society Name: Undergrad Bioethics Society Georgetown University  
Date of Presentation: November 29, 2012

**2013 Presentations**

Title of Presentation: CPE on Health Care Ethics  
Institution/Society Name: Medstar Georgetown University Hospital  
Date of Presentation: January 8, 2013

Title of Presentation: Taping for NBC Today Show re Prenatal Testing  
Institution/Society Name: NBC  
Date of Presentation: January 16, 2013

Title of Presentation: Ethics Session  
Institution/Society Name: Dept of Infectious Diseases Medstar Georgetown Hospital  
Date of Presentation: January 17, 2013

Title of Presentation: "Killing or Allowing to Die?"  
Institution/Society Name: Medical Grand Rounds Medstar Georgetown Univ Hospital  
Date of Presentation: January 14, 2013

Title of Presentation: "Cookie Friday" Bioethics Talk  
Institution/Society Name: Bioethics Research Library, Georgetown University  
Date of Presentation: March 22, 2013

Title of Presentation: Telephone Interview on Case of NICU Babies and Oxygen Research  
Institution/Society Name: Miami Herald Newspaper  
Date of Presentation: April 2013

Title of Presentation: "Doctors Speak Out" Advance Directives etc.  
Institution/Society Name: Georgetown University Medical Center

Date of Presentation: April 16, 2013

Title of Presentation: Research on Babies in ICU -- Oxygen

Institution/Society Name: Diane Rehm Radio Show

Date of Presentation: April 17, 2013

Title of Presentation: "The Last of Life, for Which the First Was Made"

Institution/Society Name: Hal Israel Memorial Lecture, Temple B'Nai Israel Easton, MD

Date of Presentation: Monday, April 29, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Title of Presentation: Interview for USA Today – "With Down Syndrome Diagnoses Comes a Wrenching Choice"

Institution/Society Name: USA Today

Date of Presentation: May 1, 2013 issue

Title of Presentation: Doctors Speak Out Follow Up for GUMC Advance Directives

Institution/Society Name: Somerset House, Bethesda, Maryland

Date of Presentation: May 14, 2013

Title of Presentation: Clinical Ethics Lecture

Institution/Society Name: KIE Intensive Bioethics Course, Georgetown University

Date of Presentation: June 9, 2013

Title of Presentation: Leader for Small Group

Institution/Society Name: KIE Intensive Bioethics Course, Georgetown University

Date of Presentation: June 2013

Title of Presentation: Interview: "Ethicists debate girls' second lung transplant"

Institution/Society Name: USA Today

Date of Presentation: July 1, 2013

Title of Presentation: Quoted for transplant case in PA

Institution/Society Name: Fox News Channel, Patti Ann Brown

Date of Presentation: July 2, 2013

Title of Presentation: Ethics Lecture

Institution/Society Name: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Medstar GU Hospital

Date of Presentation: July 11, 2013

Title of Presentation: Ethics Lecture for Hospitalists

Institution/Society Name: Medstar Georgetown University Hospital

Date of Presentation: July 17, 2013

Title of Presentation: Professionalism Panel for First Year Orientation

Institution/Society Name: Georgetown University School of Medicine

Date of Presentation: August 9, 2013

Title of Presentation: Our Aging Brain and Living and Leaving with Dignity

Institution/Society Name: Chevy Chase Trust

Date of Presentation: September 12, 2013

Title of Presentation: Panel (submitted by Mark Kuczewski) on Admitting Illegal Students to Medical School

(Moderator)Institution/Society Name: ASBH

Date of Presentation: October 2013

Title of Presentation: Injured Hunters Choice – the Tim Bowers Case – End of Life

Institution/Society Name: Interview for WUSA Channel 9 TV in DC

Date of Presentation: November 7 2013

Title of Presentation: Interview for End of Life Wishes aren't Always Met

Institution/Society Name: Publication – Medical Ethics Advisor

Date of Presentation: May 2013

Title of Presentation: Interview for article on “Ethics of Minors’ Access to Emergency Contraception”

Institution/Society Name: Medical Ethics Advisor

Date of Presentation: November 2013: Vol. 29, No. 11, Pages 121-132.

### **2014 Presentations**

Title of Presentation: “Was Pellegrino a Closet Principlist?”

Institution/Society Name: First Annual Pellegrino Seminar, Georgetown University

Date of Presentation: March 21, 2014

Title of Presentation: “A Parent Fights to Speed FDA Approval I Hopes of Saving Son’s Life” Interview for WTOP Radio

Institution/Society Name: WTOP Radio News Interview

Date of Presentation: March 26, 2014

Title of Presentation: “Cast a Wide Net when Obtaining Feedback on Clinical Ethics Consults”

Institution/Society Name: Medical Ethics Advisor, April 2014: Vol. 30, No. 4, Pages 37-48 – Interview

Date of Presentation: April 2014

Title of Presentation: Grand Rounds: End of Life Decision-Making

Institution/Society Name: St. Barnabas Hospital and Medical Center, New Jersey

Date of Presentation: April 16, 2014

Title of Presentation: “Saving Lives and Stamping Out Disease: The Virtuous Physician in the Future of Healthcare”

Institution/Society Name: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pellegrino Ethics Lectureship in Surgery, GU

Date of Presentation: May 6, 2014

Title of Presentation: “ Pros and Cons of Doctors Sharing Notes”

Institution/Society Name: Diane Rehm Radio Show

Date of Presentation: May 22, 2014

Title of Presentation: SUPPORT Study Panel

Institution/Society Name: Clinical Research Network

Date of Presentation: May 22, 2014

Title of Presentation: Panel on Alzheimer’s Research and Discovery

Institution/Society Name: Alumnae Reunion Weekend Georgetown Medical School

Date of Presentation: May 30, 2014

Title of Presentation: Clinical Bioethics, Pre-IBC Workshop

Institution/Society Name: Kennedy Institute of Ethics Annual Intensive Bioethics Course

Date of Presentation: June 2, 2014

Title of Presentation: Pro-Life to the very end....interview

Institution/Society Name: Our Sunday Visitor Newsweekly

Date of Presentation: July 2014

Title of Presentation: Patients’ Wishes for End of Life Care Often Not Followed: Here are reasons why...interview

Institution/Society Name: Medical Ethics Advisor

Date of presentation: September 2014, Vol. 30 No 9 Pages 97-108

Title of Presentation: O’Neill Institute Colloquium: The West African Ebola Epidemic: How can it be Contained and How can we Prevent the Next One?

Institution/Society Name: O’Neill Institute Georgetown University School of Law

Date of Presentation: September 3, 2014

Title of Presentation: “Is the Church on the Wrong Side of History: Bioethical Issues”

Institution/Society Name: Blessed Sacrament Church Sunday Morning Lecture Series, Washington, DC

Date of Presentation: Sunday, September 14, 2014

Interviews and Presentations on Ebola – beginning August 2014:

USA Today

AP News

Diane Rehm Show

Paula Wolfson – WTOP

Andrew Pollack – NY Times

Helen Braswell – Canadian Press

Barry Bagnolo – CBS radio

CTV interview

Georgetown/O’Neill Center Conference on Ebola

Katherine Elliott – EWTN

Bloomberg News

Al Jazeera National

Al Jazeera International

Reuters—interview October 6, 2014 U.S. Ebola patient receives experimental drug from Chimerix  
Reuters News Service  
ETWN Interview

Title of Presentation: “Doctors, Documentation and the Professional Obligation: Has Everything Changed?”

Institution/Society Name: White Mass Program for Catholic Medical Association Arlington, VA

Date of Presentation: October 19, 2014

Title of Presentation: “Saving Memories: The Fight Against Alzheimer’s and Dementia”

Institution/Society Name: Georgetown University School of Medicine Reunion

Date of Presentation: October 24, 2014

Title of Presentation: “Ebola, epidemics and ethics – what we have learned”

Institution/Society Name: Cookie Friday, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University

Date of Presentation: October 24, 2014

Title of Presentation: “Ethical Concerns When a Baby Dies: Making Difficult Decisions”

Institution/Society Name: Bereavement Certification Training for Healthcare Providers in Maternal-child Health, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, NICU Parents Advisory Board/Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Date of presentation: Monday, December 15, 2014

### **Presentations 2015**

Title of Presentation: “Ethical Issues from the Ebola Epidemic: Learning our Lessons”

Institution/Society Name: National Institutes of Health: Inter-Institute Bioethics Interest Group

Date of Presentation: January 5, 2015.

Title of Presentation: Interview: “The CEO Who Save a Life and Lost His Job”

Institution/Society Name: Businessweek – publication

Date of Presentation: January 22, 2015

Title of Presentation: Interview re Measles Vaccines – Ethical Issues

Institution/Society Name: EWTN network

Date of Presentation: February 4, 2015

Title of Presentation: “Ask the Professor: Questions Re Measles Vaccine”

Institution/Society Name: Georgetown University

Date of Presentation: February 10, 2015

Title of Presentation: "End of Life"

Institution/Society Name: Held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Derwood, MD, for Archdiocese Of Washington DC

Date of Presentation: February 21, 2015

Title of Presentation: Small Group Leader

Institution/Society Name: 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Medical Ethics Conference in Rome for the Center for Ethics and Culture. University of Notre Dame

Date of Presentation: March 8-12, 2015

Title of Presentation: Panelist for Alzheimer's and Dementia Panel

Institution/Society Name: Georgetown University's John Carroll Alumni Weekend, Los Angeles, California

Date of Presentation: April 16, 2015

Title of Presentations: University of Valparaiso, Chile

Date of Presentations: April 18-24, 2015

Presentations given:

April 21, 2015 Ethics and Medicine Discussion for Dept of Philosophy

April 22, 2015 Lecture for Opening of Academic Year in Medical School:  
"Ethics and Medicine, Is healthcare a right?"

April 23, 2015 Panel on Abortion and Malformations

Title of Presentation: "When is your Patient Dead?"

Institution/Society Name: Kennedy Institute of Ethics Intensive Bioethics Course  
(also small group instructor for the week)

Date of Presentation: Friday, June 5, 2015

Title of Presentation: Testimony on DC's Proposed Death with Dignity Law

Institution/Society Name: DC Council Hearing

Date of Presentation: July 10, 2015

Title of Presentation: Professionalism Panel

Institution/Society Name: First Year Orientation for Georgetown School of Medicine

Date of Presentation: August 7, 2015

Title of Presentation: Introduction to Bioethics Pediatric Ethics Rounds

Institution/Society Name: Georgetown University Medical Center

Date of Presentation: Sept 1, 2015

Title of Presentation: "From Hippocrates to Homicide; The Physician's Role in the Patients' Death"

Institution/Society Name: University of Oklahoma – Tulsa and Oklahoma City

Date of Presentation: September 14 and 15, 2015

Title of Presentation: Panelist: Film Screening – The Sum Total of our Memory: Facing Alzheimer’s Together

Institution/Society Name: GUMC and the Kennedy Institute of Ethics

Date of Presentation: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Title of Presentation: Physician Assisted Suicide: Redefining the Role of the Physician”

Institution/Society Name: Georgetown ROMEOS

Date of Presentation: October 9, 2015

Title of Presentation: Off Label or On Target? The Ethics of Investigational and Compassionate Uses

Institution/Society Name: NASPGHAN (North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology

Date of Presentation: October 7-11, 2015

### **Presentations 2016**

Title of Presentation: “Right to Die”

Institution/Society Name: PBS Religion and Ethics Newsweekly

Date of Presentation: Aired January 10, 2016

Title of Presentation: “Physician Assisted Suicide”

Institution/Society Name: Baltimore City Medical Society/Bon Secours Hospital

Date of Presentation: February 4, 2016.

Title of Presentation: Interview for a published article: “An Education by Faith”

Institution/Society Name: Georgetown University Medical Center Magazine

Date of Presentation: Fall/Winter Issue 2015

Title of Presentation: Interview: “OB Care in Catholic Hospitals”

Institution/Society Name: The Guardian

Date of Presentation: February 17, 2016

Title of Presentation: Testimony re Physician Assisted Suicide

Institution/Society Name: Maryland State Assembly Annapolis, MD

Date of Presentation: Friday, February 19, 2016

Media Reports:

**The Washington Post** [Agonizing over the right to die](#) with Kevin Donovan, Feb. 20, 2016.

**ABC 2 Baltimore** ‘Right to die’ legislation gets lengthy, emotional hearing In Annapolis with Kevin Donovan, Feb. 20, 2016.

**Baltimore Sun** Maryland lawmakers grapple with end-of-life bill with Kevin Donovan, Feb. 20, 2016.

**WBAL TV Baltimore** Hearing on End of Life Act draws crowd of supporters, Opponents, with Kevin Donovan Feb. 20, 2016



**Fox News Radio** (national) Physician Assisted Suicide with Kevin Donovan,  
Feb. 20, 2016

**WBAL Radio Baltimore** Physician Assisted Suicide with Kevin Donovan,  
Feb. 20, 2016

**WUSA TV** Physician Assisted Suicide with Kevin Donovan, Feb. 20, 2016.

**The Daily Record** (subscription) Md. House considers assisted-death provision for  
Terminally ill with Kevin Donovan, Feb. 20, 2016

**Catholic Review** Physician-assisted suicide sees first major public debate of 2016  
With Kevin Donovan Feb. 20, 2016.

Title of Presentation: End of Life Presentation  
Institution/Society Name: St. Francis Church, Derwood, Maryland  
Date of Presentation: Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016

Title of Presentation: "Bioethics and Fetal Tissue" (testimony)  
Institution/Society Name: US House of Representatives, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Date of Presentation: March 2, 2016

Title of Presentation: Medical Ethics  
Institution/Society Name: 2016 Notre Dame Medical Ethics Conference  
Date of Presentation: March 18-19, 2016

Title of Presentation: Physician Assisted Suicide  
Institution/Society Name: MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Grand Rounds Dept. of Medicine  
Date of Presentation: March 24, 2016

Title of Presentation: Panel Participant: Right to Life/End of Life  
Institution/Society Name: Georgetown Right to Life  
Date of Presentation: April 18, 2016

Title of Presentation: 'Red Flags' in Kenyan Vaccine Controversy  
Institution/Society Name: Interview by French Journalist Anne Loussouarn  
Date of Presentation: April 6, 2016

Title of Presentation: Limits of Intervention  
Institution/Society Name: 2016 Richard A. Liebendorfer Ethics Symposium, St. John Medical Center,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Date of Presentation: April 28, 2016

Title of Presentation: Introduction to Decision-making and the Role of the Ethics Committee  
Institution/Society Name: Pre-Intensive Bioethics Course (KIE) Clinical Session  
Date of Presentation: June 7, 2016

Title of Presentation: Professionalism Panel  
Institution/Society Name: Georgetown University School of Medicine for Incoming First Year students  
Date of Presentation: August 4, 2016

Title of Presentation: Pediatric Ethics Rounds -- Introduction  
Institution/Society Name: MGUH/Department of Pediatrics  
Date of Presentation: August 16, 2016

Title of Presentation: Testimony to Yvette Alexander "Death with Dignity" Bill  
Institution/Society Name: DC Council  
Date of Presentation: August 18, 2016

Title of Presentation: Quoted in "From Epic Poet to Donald Trump's Doctor"  
Institution/Society Name: STAT news  
Date of Presentation: August 30, 2016

Title of Presentation: Quoted in "Clinton's Pneumonia Fuels Debate About Candidate Health Data"  
Institution/Society Name: AP Washington  
Date of Presentation: September 9, 2016

Title of Presentation: Testimony re PAS (Physician Assisted Suicide)  
Institution/Society Name:  
Date of Presentation: September 9, 2016

Title of Presentation: EOL or OLOL: End of Life Issues in the Catholic Tradition  
Institution/Society Name: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, District of Columbia  
Date of Presentation: September 13, 2016

Title of Presentation: Testimony on "Death with Dignity Bill" D.C. Congressman Grosso  
Institution/Society Name: DC City Council  
Date of Presentation: September 14, 2016

Title of Presentation: Presentation on Physician Assisted Suicide  
Institution/Society Name: MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society House of Delegates Meeting  
Date of Presentation: September 22, 2016

Title of Presentation: Physician Assisted Suicide  
Institution/Society Name: Kojo Nnamdi Show in Washington, DC Public Radio  
Date of Presentation: October 10, 2016

Title of Presentation: End of Life Panel  
Institution/Society Name: Archdiocese of Washington DC (at St. Edward the Confessor Church)  
Date of Presentation: October 24, 2016

Title of Presentation: Interview re Physician Assisted Suicide  
Institution/Society Name: Miikaela Lefrak, American University Radio, WAMU, DC  
Date of Presentation: November 17, 2016

Title of Presentation: "Aid in Dying: Physician Assisted Suicide? Compassion and Conscience." (panel)  
Institution/Society Name; Prince George's County Medical Society  
Date of Presentation: December 13, 2016

### **Presentations 2017**

Title of Presentation: "Physician Assisted Suicide: Dangers for US Health Care"  
Institution/Society Name; U S House of Representatives (Rep. Brad R. Wenstrup)  
Date of Presentation: January 12, 2017

Title of Presentation: "Bioethics and the Church" (2 days of lectures)  
Institution/Society Name; Winter Clergy Education Days 2017 Diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Date of Presentation: January 30 – February 1, 2017

Title of Presentation: "Aid in Dying and the End-of-Life Act: Issues & Answers for the Policy Debate"  
Institution/Society Name; University of Baltimore Center for Medicine and Law  
Date of Presentation: February 6, 2017

Title of Presentation: "PAS"  
Institution/Society Name; Maryland Congressional Hearing  
Date of Presentation: February 16, 2017

Title of Presentation: PAS  
Institution/Society Name; Heritage Foundation Washington DC  
Date of Presentation: February 27, 2017

Title of Presentation: Grant Rounds – Decision-making in Clinical Ethics  
Institution/Society Name; Medstar Montgomery Hospital, Olney, Maryland  
Date of Presentation: March 2, 2017

Title of Presentation: "End of Life Care in the District: Campus Reacts to Death With Dignity Act -- Interview  
Institution/Society Name; The Georgetown Voice  
Date of Presentation: March 3, 2017

Title of Presentation: Surrogate Decision-makers Face Ethical Questions if Patient has Dementia-- Interview  
Institution/Society Name; Medical Ethics Advisor  
Date of Presentation: April 2017

Title of Presentation: Perinatal Ethics: Viability and Futility  
Institution/Society Name; Virginia Hospital Center  
Date of Presentation: May 16, 2017

Title of Presentation: Interview: Story by Aneri Pattani re Charlie Gard Case  
Institution/Society Name: New York Times  
Date of Presentation: July 3, 2017.

Title of Presentation: Radio Interview re Charlie Gard Case  
Institution/Society Name: KCBS SF radio  
Date of Presentation: July 4, 2017 8:30 a.m.

Title of Presentation: Interview: "Saving Charlie Gard: Fight for Terminally Ill British Child Goes on."  
Institution/Society Name; USA Today article by Kim Hielmgaard  
Date of Presentation: July 9, 2017

Title of Presentation: "Physician Assisted Death and Euthanasia II" – Moderator  
Institution/Society: International Academy of Law and Mental Health, Prague  
Date of Presentation: July 11, 2017

Title of Presentation: Death with dignity/physician assisted suicide  
Institution/Society: Maryland Psychiatric Society  
Date of Presentation: September 16, 2017

Title of Presentation: Ethics Committees  
Institution/Society: Virginia Hospital Center  
Date of Presentation: October 5, 2017

Title of Presentation: Interview re Program on Lives Worthy of Respect  
Institution/Society: National Catholic Register  
Date of Presentation: October 5, 2017

Title of Presentation: Grand Rounds: "Is it Killing or Allowing to Die?"  
Institution/Society: Medstar Montgomery County Hospital  
Date of Presentation: October 12, 2017

Title of Presentation: Interview for ETWN – Embryo Adoption  
Institution/Society: ETWN – Eternal Word Network  
Date of Presentation: October 16, 2017 (Aired on 11/9/2017)

Title of Presentation: Roundtable with GU Med School Class of 1962  
Institution/Society: Reunion Weekend  
Date of Presentation: Saturday, October 29, 2017

Title of Presentation: Reflection for Retreat – inspiration and encouragement for Catholic physicians  
Institution/Society: DC CMA Guild (held at Franciscan Monastery)  
Date of Presentation: November 18, 2017

## Presentations 2018

Title of Presentation: Pro-Life at the End of Life

Institution/Society: 2018 Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life Georgetown University

Date of Presentation: January 20, 2018

Title of Presentation: Pro-Life in Medicine (panel discussion)

Institution/Society: Chooselife Georgetown University

Date of Presentation: Feb. 20, 2018

Title of Presentation: Quoted in HOYA regarding the new PCCB MA in Clinical Bioethics

Institution/Society: The HOYA, Georgetown University

Date of Presentation: Feb. 22, 2018

Title of Presentation: Debate on Physician Assisted Suicide

Institution/Society: American Nurses Association, Silver Spring, Maryland

Date of Presentation: March 5, 2018

Title of Presentation: Braman Conference – panel discussion medicine and the Holocaust

Institution/Society: Center for Jewish Studies, Georgetown University

Date of Presentation: March 18, 2018

Title of Presentation: Interview: DC Assisted Suicide Law

Institution/ Society: Washington Post Newspaper

Date of Presentation: April 10, 2018

Title of Presentation: Ethical Issues in Cancer Care

Institution/Society: Georgetown School of Continuing Studies; Bayer Sponsorship

Date of Presentation: April 25, 2018

Title of Presentation: Introduction to the Field of Medicine

Institution/Society: Georgetown Summer Programs for High School Students; GU School of Continuing Studies

Date of Presentation: June 18, 2018

Title of Presentation: Controversies in Death & Dying

Institution/Society: Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity, Conference on Bioethics & Being Human

Date of Presentation: Thursday, June 21, 2018

Title of Presentation: Stem Cell Research

Institution/Society: Congressional Briefing

Date of Presentation: July 19, 2018

Title of Presentation: Interview – Catholic hospitals' moral and ethical restrictions on certain types of reproductive health care

Institution/Society: FiveThirtyEight news outlet

Date of Presentation: July 30, 2018

Title of Presentation: Keynote Lecture: Stem Cells, Patients and Medical Responsibility  
Institution/Society: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Conference on Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine  
Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018

Title of Presentation: Annual Ethics Seminar – Caring for Life: Beginning and End of Life Issues  
Institution/Society: St. John’s Medical Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Date: October 8, 2018

Title of Presentation: Ethics  
Institution/society: McCourt School of Georgetown University  
Date of Presentation: November 8, 2018

Title of Presentation: AMA Testimony re PAS  
Institution/Society: American Medical Association  
Date of Presentation November 11, 2018

### Presentations 2019

Title of Presentation: Reflections of a Christian Scholar  
Institution/society: Georgetown University campus in Doha, Qatar, Conference on Muslim and Christian Perspectives on Palliative Care and End of Life  
Date of Presentation: January 22-23, 2019

Title of Presentation: Testimony Maryland Legislature on PAS  
Institution/Society: Maryland State Legislature  
Date of Presentation: February 15, 2019

Title of Presentation: Affirming Ethical Options for the Terminally Ill  
Institution/Society: Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC  
Date of Presentation: March 11, 2019

### Presentations 2020

Title of Presentation: DNR Orders and Reallocation of Ventilators  
Institution/Society: CHA Webinar  
Date of Presentation: April 16, 2020

Title of Presentation: Catholic Ethics and the Challenge of COVID-19  
Institution/Society: CHA Webinar  
Date of Presentation: April 23, 2020

Title of Presentation: Catholic Ethics and the Challenge of COVID-19  
Institution/Society: CHA Webinar  
Date of Presentation: April 30, 2020

Title of Presentation: Catholic Ethics and the Challenge of COVID-19

Institution/Society: CHA Webinar  
Date of Presentation: April 30, 2020

Title of Presentation: Catholic Ethics and the Challenge of COVID-19  
Institution/Society: CHA Webinar  
Date of Presentation: May 7, 2020

Title of Presentation: Catholic Ethics and the Challenge of COVID-19  
Institution/Society: CHA Webinar  
Date of Presentation: May 14, 2020

Title of Presentation: Catholic Ethics and the Challenge of COVID-19  
Institution/Society: CHA Webinar  
Date of Presentation: May 21, 2020

Title of Presentation: Personal Contact Tracing of COVID Patients  
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Health Care Ethics Required Course for First and Second Year Medical Students  
Georgetown University Medical School – Director 2012-2013, Co-Director 2014-2020

Introduction to Health Care Selective—Spring 2013  
Course Title: Medical, Ethics, and Spiritual Issues in End of Life Patient Care  
Co-teaching with Abigail Rian Evans, PhD, M.Div.

“Patients, Population and Policy” Course for Dept. of Family Medicine  
Georgetown University Medical Center  
Small group instructor Oct. 2012-February 2013

Contraception/Population and Demography Class, School of Nursing and Health Sciences (Faculty: Dr. Hazel Denton), November 8, 2013

Central Nervous System 1 Module, Georgetown School of Medicine, “Determining Brain Death”,  
January 14, 2014

Profession of Medicine Course for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Medical Students, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018  
2019

Mentoring Visiting Scholars in the Pellegrino Center for Clinical Bioethics 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017,  
2018

Mentoring 4<sup>th</sup> Year Medical Students in the Bioethics Clerkship, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

**(Updated MedStar Georgetown Hospital Teaching—3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> yr students, residents  
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**ON GOING ACTIVITIES:**

Moderator Pediatric Ethics Rounds, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital  
Monthly beginning 2012 -2020

Clinical Service in Pediatric GI – procedures, attending and seeing patients beginning January 2013-2019

Ethics Consult Service provided by the Pellegrino Center for Clinical Bioethics for MedStar Georgetown University Hospital beginning September 2012-2020

MGUH Ethics Committee

Student Humanities in Medicine Interest Group, Georgetown University Med School, 2012-2013

Moral Distress Conferences for nurses in MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

End-of-Life conferences with nurses in MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

Faculty advisor to:

Medical Students for Life  
Gold Humanism Honor Society  
Student Catholic Medical Association

2<sup>nd</sup> Opinion Clinic for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, MedStar GU Hospital -2019

Transplant listing meetings

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND BOARDS - GUMC**

ACA – Affordable Care Act review committee – for GUMC 2012-13

Member Ethics Committee for MedStar Georgetown University Hospital 2012-present

Bioethics and Christian Theology Affinity Group, GU 2012-2013

Gold Humanism Committee, GU Med School 2012-2013,2014-2020

ERD Discussions GUMC 2012-2013

On-going discussions with Allen Roberts, MD and Thomas Fishbein, MD re uterine transplantation

**Search Committee** for MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Chaplain 2012-2013

Georgetown School of Medicine **Committee on Students** 2013-2019

Board of Advisors for Mission and Ministry 2013 -

Subcommittee , Transplant Ethics Committee 2013

Ruesch Center for the Cure of GI Cancers, Board of Advisors 2013-2019

Committee to Develop a Curriculum in Reflection, Formation, and Leadership  
2024-present

LIFE MOOC, Advisory Board 2014-present

End of Life Committee 2014 - present

Service and Social Justice Working Group GUMC 2015-

Curricular Content Committee – 2016-2018

Global Health Initiative – 2017-

Ad Hoc Committee – MedStar/PCCB re PAS – 2017

LCME 2019 Co-Chair Self Study Committee 2017-2018

**SERVICE OUTSIDE OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL**

**MEDCAC – Medical Evidence Development and Advisory Committee, Center for Medicare and Medicare Services 2017**

**ASBH Clinical Ethics Consultation Affairs (CECA) Committee (one year term) Oct. 2017-2018**

**Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity Advisory Committee, , Deerfield, IL 2017-2021**

MedStar system Ethics Committee 2018-2020

GUMC-MedStar Committee on Research Development 2018-

MedStar Committee Launching PGx 2018-

**Uniform Law Commission:** Study Committee on Disposition of Human Embryos and Gametes at Divorce, Separation and Death, – 2019 –

**NIH Human Fetal Tissue Research Ethics Advisory Board 2019**

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## **OTHER ACTIVITIES/ASSIGNMENTS**

Review of manuscript for the Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal on “The Affordable Care Act and Community Benefit: A Mandate Catholic Health Care can Embrace” submitted November 13, 2012

Named Editor-in-Chief **Philosophy, Ethics and Humanities in Medicine** – web journal 2016-2018

Grant on Advanced Directives, writer with Allen Roberts, MD, Medstar Georgetown University Hospital 2013 (*not awarded*)

Participated in Meeting of Jesuit Center Leadership Feb. 24, 25, 26, 2013

Host Committee – Med Students for Life Speaking Tour 2013

Interview for Magnet Site Visit Oct. 15, 16, 17, 2013

Participate in MNE (Metabolism, Neurology, Endocrine) Middlesex discussion panel, September 30, 2013, Georgetown University Medical Center

Grant written to Scholl Foundation for \$50,000 for fellowships – 2014

Professionalism Panel at First Year Orientation GU Med School, Aug. 8, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

## **AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS:**

“*G. Kevin Donovan Award in Bioethics*” – named in 2012 in recognition of Dr. Donovan’s contributions during his two decades of leadership of the Oklahoma Bioethics Center

Most-Cited Articles as of September 1, 2013 (MIND quarterly review of philosophy)  
G. Kevin Donovan, “Decisions at the End of Life: Catholic Tradition”  
Christian Bioethics (1997) 3 (3) 188-203 doi: 10.1093/cb/3.3.188

Best Doctors in America/Washington Post Magazine 2013

Best Doctors in America—named in 2013-2014

Nominated for:

Golden Apple Award – (teaching) Georgetown University Medical School - 2014

American’s Best Physicians, 2016

Best Doctors in America 2017-2018





EXHIBIT "A"

Florida Medicaid Project: Treatment for Transgender Children

Medical Experimentation without Informed Consent:

An Ethicist's View of Transgender Treatment for Children

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## **Florida Medicaid Project: Treatment for Transgender Children**

### **Medical Experimentation without Informed Consent: An Ethicist's View of Transgender Treatment for Children**

#### **I. The Issue**

Growing controversy attends the diagnosis and treatment of individuals identifying as transgender, particularly those who are still children or adolescents. As was recently pointed out, leading medical, mental health, and public health organizations support understanding gender-diverse youth and providing gender-affirming medical (hormonal) and other(surgical) care as the standard of care, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Psychological Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, and the American Medical Association. Major nursing organizations—the American Nurses Association and the American Academy of Nursing— have made statements that young people's access to inclusive, safe, and competent health care is a human rights issue. (Wolfe, I., & Goepferd, A. "Child Abuse in Texas." *The Hastings Center*. 14 Mar. 2022) However, this widespread support is not going unchallenged, even by those who have been providing medical interventions for these children and adolescents.

Recently, questions have arisen about the appropriateness of both the diagnosis, and the safety and efficacy of these interventions that have been strongly encouraged up until now. Currently, less than half of state Medicaid programs provide gender affirming care. (Mallory, C., & Tentindo, W. "Medicaid coverage of gender-affirming care." Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law. Oct 2019). The Florida Surgeon General has said that minors should not undergo gender transition procedures, puberty blockers and hormone treatments. "[Florida Department of Health Releases Guidance on Treatment of Gender Dysphoria for Children and Adolescents](#)." 20220420-Gender-Dysphoria-Press-Release | Florida Department of Health.) In Texas, the state attorney general issued a decision that gender-affirming medical treatments such as puberty-suppressing hormones fall under the definition of child abuse in Texas state law. In fact, 34 states have introduced legislation to limit hormonal and surgical interventions for such transgender patients. This aligns with similar reassessments and limitations in the United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland, and France. A new position statement from the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) stresses the importance of a mental health evaluation for people with gender dysphoria — in particular for children and adolescents — before any firm decisions are made on whether to prescribe hormonal treatments to transition or to perform surgeries, often referred to as "gender-affirming care." "There is a paucity of quality evidence on the outcomes of those presenting with gender dysphoria. In particular, there is a need for better evidence in relation to outcomes for children and young people," the guidance states.

Given the legitimate concerns about the diagnosis, treatment, and the paucity of supportive, scientific studies in regard to the interventions being offered to minors who identify as transgender, I will offer a view of these from the perspective of an ethicist and pediatrician. This will be done in the face of strong and sometimes heated opposition to any variance from the currently prevailing recommendations. Each category of currently recommended or potential treatments will be briefly considered within this framework. The evidence base for these will be reviewed, and an overall argument made that such interventions must be considered as medical experimentation, subject to the requirements of research in childhood with informed consent. Finally, I will conclude with an examination of the fundamental flaw of the transgender project in childhood, and how it is leading to inevitable and controversial challenges.

In order to do this, we must review the ethical requirements for medical research in childhood and the elements of **informed consent**. Because of numerous abuses in the past, a strong system of regulations and oversight has been developed for the protection of human subjects in the United States. This began with the Belmont Report: (<https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/belmont-report/index.html>) The report not only described the ethical principles listed below, but led to guidelines for research protections that are now codified in Federal regulations (Code of Federal Regulations, or ‘CFR’) and monitored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). These led to the establishment of IRBs (Institutional Review Boards) which are responsible for the protection of human subjects in federally funded research—IRBs are the Federally mandated committees that review research activities for the protection of human subjects. The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) provides leadership in the protection of the rights, welfare, and wellbeing of subjects involved in research conducted or supported by the DHHS. The OHRP helps ensure this by providing clarification and guidance, developing educational programs and materials, maintaining regulatory oversight, and providing advice on ethical and regulatory issues in biomedical and social-behavioral research. These measures have laid the ground rules for human research, in adults and children including the need for informed consent.

Although adults may be included in research, this should only be done with *fully informed consent*, and the requirements will differ for children and other vulnerable subjects. The bedrock of these protections lies in obtaining the informed consent from the participant. Informed consent to medical treatment and research involvement is fundamental to both ethics and law. The process requires that a *fully autonomous patient* have the ability to *understand relevant medical information* about the proposed interventions, including the *risks, benefits if any, and alternatives* (including doing nothing/non-participation), and consent *voluntarily* without *coercion*. This is rooted in respect for the **ethical principles of autonomy, beneficence, and justice**.

**Autonomy** is derived from respect for persons, which requires that we not only respect those who are fully autonomous but protect those individuals that are not fully autonomous. Vulnerable subjects such as children cannot legally or ethically participate in the consent process due to their age and maturity level. The rules for their involvement are set out by the Code of Federal Regulations (46 CFR 401-409). While consent cannot be given for another person, parents or guardians can give “permission” and children can give assent to the extent that they are able. The process of obtaining assent should be appropriate to the age, maturity, and psychological development of the child. The consent process must contain three ethically required components: *information, comprehension, and voluntariness*. Deficiencies in any of these categories would invalidate the process. The main contention here is that deficiencies in *all* these categories can be found in the current approach to minors who identify as transgender, and current attempts at treatment should not proceed as they are now practiced.

**Beneficence** is reflected in the complementary expressions of (1) do no harm and (2) maximize possible benefits and minimize possible harms. An assessment of risks and benefits will depend heavily on the delivery of accurate and complete information as described above. An assessment of risk will include both the probability and the severity of envisioned harms, both physical and psychological.

Finally, **justice** requires fairness in distribution of risks and benefits. It suggests that not only should like cases be treated alike, but different approaches are appropriate for different circumstances. This is highly relevant in the selection process for those being subjected to the various interventions while still minors.

Thus the process of informed consent must proceed with a correct diagnosis, the nature and purpose of recommended interventions, the known burdens and benefits of all options, including doing nothing or forgoing the intervention. While not able to do an exhaustive review of these elements as they apply to the main treatment approaches recommended for transgender minors, we can briefly examine each category to assess for obvious deficiencies. The issue of deficient information will be significant in each category, and questions of comprehension and voluntariness will be addressed at the end.

## II. The Interventions

### Surgery

A variety of surgeries have been performed on transgender adults. These range from removal of both breasts (bilateral mastectomy) and associated chest reconstruction, nipple repositioning, dermal implant and tattooing, to gender surgery for trans men which includes construction of a penis (phalloplasty or metoidioplasty), construction of a scrotum (scrotoplasty) and testicular implants, or a penile implant. Removal of the womb (hysterectomy) and the ovaries and fallopian tubes (salpingo-oophorectomy) may also be considered. Surgery for trans women includes removal of the testes (orchidectomy), removal of the penis (penectomy), construction of a vagina (vaginoplasty), construction of a vulva (vulvoplasty), construction of a clitoris (clitoroplasty), as well as breast implants for trans women, facial feminisation surgery and hair transplants. Certainly there are multiple known risks to this long list of surgeries. These used to be described as “sex-change” operations: they are now termed “gender affirming surgeries.” The semantic shift is important, as we will see.

Most, but not all, practitioners would delay undertaking these permanent alterations in minor children and adolescents. This may be as much for legal reasons as for medical considerations. However, the lack of sexual maturity in younger patients, especially if previously delayed by puberty blocking agents, makes the sparse tissue more difficult to work with and outcomes less favorable, with problems such as wound rupture more likely. These are not challenges that are routinely described to minors at the beginning of their treatment progression with puberty blocking agents or hormones. This deficit of information would be a major failing.

### Hormonal Treatment

Treatment with cross-sex hormones is a mainstay of gender affirming care. These result in the changes in body habitus, facies, voice tone, and hair development that transgender patients seek. They are described as “gender affirming”, “life-saving” and “a human right” by their proponents. They have been prescribed by Planned Parenthood clinics and others after a first visit for gender dysphoria (<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-greater-texas/patient-resources/transgender-healthcare>). Surely no one would argue that such a precipitous practice has been accompanied by a full psychological evaluation, or disclosure of medical risks. Chief among these is the fact that the resulting bodily changes will not disappear, even if the initial desire for them changes. And this change is no unlikely development – upwards of 80% of minors who identify as transgender will reverse this identity by the time they reach their mid-20’s if left untreated, and revert to their previous identification, albeit possibly with a same-sex attraction. It is more than simply changes in one’s body that are at risk; sex hormones have an important and lasting effect on brain development and adolescent psychology. To not fully appreciate this fact, or to not have it delineated in the first place, is an egregious failure of informed consent.

## Puberty Blockers

Perhaps the greatest failure of informed consent, and non-disclosure of human experimentation outcomes, is found in the supposedly benign use of puberty blocking agents in minors. They are routinely and widely prescribed with the thought that this will “buy time” for those questioning their gender as minors. Children and their supportive parents are assured that they are a benign intervention whose effects are easily reversible, just in case the child decides not to transition. Some potential effect on the development of bone density may be mentioned. The extent of this danger is just now being appreciated, with severe and disabling osteoporosis described in at least one child in Sweden. This led to new guidelines for gender-affirming care issued in February by the National Board of Health and Welfare. It stated that, based on current knowledge: “the risks of puberty suppressing treatment with GnRH-analogues and gender-affirming hormonal treatment currently outweigh the possible benefits, and that the treatments should be offered only in exceptional cases.” However, the effect of puberty blocking agents (started in early adolescent development) on long-term sexual function seems to be largely unstudied. Current guidelines recommend starting puberty blockers at the earliest stage of sexual maturation in children (Tanner two). These will not only prevent the enlargement of penile tissue, it will desensitize the orgasmic potential for tissues later exposed to cross-sex hormones. Simply put, transgender adults treated in early adolescence with puberty blockers may never experience orgasm. When children with gender dysphoria are given these powerful hormones (around age 11) they are too young to appreciate the implications of what will happen.

It is not simply a matter of chronology. As children mature into adolescents and adults, their brains are also being formed and reformed under the influence of sex hormones. There is evidence for structural changes, and these are likely to be demonstrated in cognitive and behavioral changes. In fact, the development of the adolescent brain and the maturation of its rational and executive functions does not typically complete until one’s early 20s. Although the deleterious effects on sexual development and function in adulthood from puberty blockers may be predicted, no one is entirely certain of the effects on other critical areas such as brain development and bone density. Carefully constructed and monitored studies have not been done. *Until they are, these off-label treatments with puberty blockers and cross sex hormones can only be considered experimental.* Experimental interventions should be done as carefully as any other research, and fully informed consent is the only ethical way to enter into such studies. Clearly, this is not the current practice.

### III. The Fundamental Flaw

There appears to have been a headlong rush in the past decade towards the process of gender affirming care described above. After close scrutiny, it can only be seen as off label experimentation, despite the fact that informed consent practices do not conform to this reality. Given this, we must ask ourselves: how can experienced and ethical physicians so mislead others or be so misled themselves? In 2013, the American Psychiatric Association published their update of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the DSM-5. In it the diagnosis of “gender identity disorder” was replaced with “gender dysphoria.” This was done to “avoid stigma and ensure clinical care for individuals who see and feel themselves to be a different gender” other than the one to which they were born. The APA stated that “it is important to note the gender nonconformity is not in itself a mental disorder. The critical element of gender dysphoria is the presence of clinically significant distress associated with the condition.” Dysphoria is a state of uneasiness, unhappiness, or dissatisfaction. With this change in terminology there was also a shift from seeking or correcting the underlying cause of the dysphoria, and a focus on transitioning to the preferred gender.

This revision has probably done more harm than good by accepting a self-diagnosis characterized by the belief that the patient (or their essence) is “trapped in the wrong body.” This concept relies on the Cartesian duality, a body-self dichotomy. It reverts to the fallacious “ghost in the machine” concept. In reality, we cannot be trapped in the wrong body; we **are** our bodies, which are an integral and inseparable part of ourselves. To assert that there is a female self inside a male body (or the reverse), is to fail to achieve a full understanding that we are embodied persons, unified body and mind, if you will. A generation ago, sex and gender were taken to be synonyms for the same phenomena. Even now, a transgender female, no matter how much or how long of a hormonal therapeutic regimen they undergo, is still genetically male. Ignoring this fact has led to a contradiction, where sympathetic practitioners recommend “holistic care” while insisting on a fragmented concept of the self. This approach has been warmly embraced, even insisted upon, by many practitioners while viewed as nonsensical and even ludicrous by many laypersons.

Inevitably this has led to added difficulties. Even young patients are encouraged to begin puberty blockers and then hormones based on a self-diagnosis. Self-diagnosing psychiatric conditions is always fraught with the possibility of error. In this case, there can be no confirmatory lab tests, radiologic exams, or genetic findings. Moreover, the dysphoria can only be diagnosed and opened to treatment if it is causing significant trauma to the individual. The clinically significant distress manifests itself in underlying psychiatric diagnoses such as depression and suicidality. It is argued that embarking on affirmative treatment as early as possible is urgently needed to prevent further psychiatric complications, a contested assertion. Studies have shown that adult transgender persons continue to have evidence of depression and suicidality following treatment. The rate of suicide among post-operative transgender adults in a study from Sweden found an incidence 20 times greater than that of the general population. Such treatment may not be urgently needed to protect adolescents; it may not even be effective protection for their adult counterparts.

The claim of urgency coupled with an impulse toward nonjudgmental empathy for the disturbed patients has led to a frantic insistence on a single approach that may seem almost cult like in its insularity and opposition to outside challenges. Both parents (Trinko, K. (Nov. 19, 2018 “What It’s Like to Lose Your Children to the ‘Transgender Cult,’ From a Mom Who Knows.” *The Daily Signal*, 30 Oct. 2019) and teachers (Manning, M. for The Mail on Sunday, “Whistleblower Teacher Makes Shocking Claim That ‘Most Are Autistic.’” *Daily Mail Online*, Associated Newspapers, 19 Nov. 2018, <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6401593/Whistleblower-teacher-makes-shocking-claim-autistic.html>.) report that their children or students are being wrongly encouraged at school to think of themselves as transgender. Sometimes this is the result of overenthusiastic acceptance or “love bombing”. Sometimes it appears to influence the susceptible, as in autistic children. Sometimes transgender counseling is taking place even without the parents’ knowledge, and this troubling approach has been supported in the literature with statements that adolescents should be legally empowered to obtain puberty-blocking without parental consent (Priest, M. Transgender Children and the Right to Transition: Medical Ethics When Parents Mean Well but Cause Harm. *Am J Bioeth.* 2019 Feb;19(2):45-59).

Inevitably, this has resulted in complications and conflicts. The media have been replete with reports of such things as contested accessibility of transgender females to such things as domestic abuse shelters, female prisons, and female sports competitions. Similar issues regarding bathroom accessibility in schools recently came to a boil in Virginia, when it came to light that a sexual assault by a self-described trans- female (with a penis) was repeated in another school after the perpetrator was transferred. (Poff, J. “Loudoun superintendent failed to inform state of school sexual assault.” *Washington Examiner*, 4 May 2022.) These issues are far from any resolution by debate, discussion, or legislation. In fact, both sides of the debate have doubled down with insistence that the opposing viewpoint must not only be rejected but considered unethical and made illegal.

Some disturbing trends have developed resulting not only from this dichotomy of opinion about the proper treatment approach, but ultimately based in the acceptance of the mind-body dichotomy. There has been a change in the diagnosed population. As Abigail Schrier pointed out:

For the nearly 100-year diagnostic history of gender dysphoria, it overwhelmingly afflicted boys and men, and it began in early childhood (ages two to four). According to the DSM-V, the latest edition of the historical rate of incidence was 0.01 percent of males (roughly one in 10,000).

For decades, psychologists treated it with “watchful waiting” — that is, a method of psychotherapy that seeks to understand the source of a child’s gender dysphoria, lessen its intensity, and ultimately help a child grow more comfortable in her own body. Now such an approach is disdained by the term “conversion therapy”, and labelled as unethical, and even made illegal.

She continues:

Since nearly seven in 10 children initially diagnosed with gender dysphoria eventually outgrew it, the conventional wisdom held that, with a little patience, most kids would come to accept their bodies. The underlying assumption was children didn’t always know best. But in the last decade, watchful waiting has been supplanted by “affirmative care,” which assumes children do know what’s best. Affirmative care proponents urge doctors to corroborate their patients’ belief that they are trapped in the wrong body. The family is pressured to help the child transition to a new gender identity — sometimes having been told by doctors or activists that, if they don’t, their child may eventually commit suicide. From there, pressures build on parents to begin concrete medical steps to help children on their path to transitioning to the “right” body. That includes puberty blockers as a preliminary step. Typically, cross-sex hormones follow and then, if desired, gender surgery. (Shrier, A. “Top Trans Doctors Blow the Whistle on ‘Sloppy’ Care.” Emmaus Road Ministries, 5 Oct. 2021)

These pressures apply not only to parents, but to the children themselves because of the strong emphasis on affirmative support for anyone declaring themselves transgender. As one mother described: “A lot of these kids have concurrent mental health issues, and they find a place to fit in because as soon as you say that you’re trans, you get love-bombed,” she reflects. “You get love-bombed online, you get love-bombed on at school ... As soon as you say you’re trans, you turn into a star. And kids are thirsty for that kind of affirmation.” (Trinko, 2019)

Two phenomena may be associated with this. Strong affirmation for the diagnosis and hormonal treatment may be altering the natural course of the phenomenon in childhood. It may not only be easier to identify as transgender in today’s environment; it may be more difficult to turn ones back on the diagnosis. This may help explain a recent report that found that an average of 5 years after their initial social transition, 7.3% of youth had retransitioned (changed gender identity) at least once. At the end of this period, most youth identified as binary transgender youth (94%), including 1.3% who retransitioned to another identity before returning to their binary transgender identity. 2.5% of youth identified as cisgender and 3.5% as nonbinary. Later cisgender identities were more common amongst youth whose initial social transition occurred before age 6 years; the retransition often occurred before age 10. Unlike previous studies of transgender youth, males were not predominant, but were outnumbered by 2 to 1. Moreover, this is a direct contradiction of previous data showing a high rate of reversion towards a sex/gender coherence in children as they mature. (Olson, Kristina R., Durwood, Lily, Horton, Rachel, Gallagher, Natalie M., & Devor, Aaron; Gender Identity 5 Years



After Social Transition. *Pediatrics* 2022; 10.1542/peds.2021-056082) We must ask if this represents a shift towards being trapped in a wrong diagnosis, rather than a child being trapped in a wrong body.

In fact, there has been another shift. Unlike in the past, we now see increased numbers of females identifying as transgender, and later in their adolescence. Sometimes this occurs in large cohorts within a single school or peer group, a phenomenon labelled “rapid onset gender dysphoria.” Both these phenomena call into question the underlying cause for the concept of gender dysphoria. Rather than approaching it as an accurate self-diagnosis that must be affirmed and treated to change the outward sexual appearance, isn’t there a better model? We may be making a fundamental mistake in approaching transgender phenomena, not as a disease or disorder, but at most a dysphoria that is a cause for affirmation. This contrasts with our approach to similar conditions claiming a mind-body divergence, such as anorexia nervosa or body integrity identity disorder. The former is familiar to most Americans. The latter is a rare mental disorder characterized by a desire to have a physical disability, claiming discomfort with being able-bodied and often resulting in a request for amputation of the body part that makes them uncomfortable. People with this condition may refer to themselves as “trans abled.”

In all three of these conditions there is a claim for a mismatch between one’s mental bodily image and physical body. All tend to find an onset in prepubescence and are frequently associated with other mental disturbances. “Affirmative care” is the only recommended standard for transgender patients. It is horribly disturbing to contemplate amputation of a healthy limb because of a mental disorder (although this has been done). No one would seriously consider surgery to limit caloric intake or weight gain for a patient with anorexia nervosa, in order to support and affirm her distorted body image. Nevertheless, sex change operations have been recast as “gender affirming surgeries”. The change in language reflects the change in attitude that distorts the approach to treatment for a psychiatric, not medical/surgical, disorder.

Finally, what are we to make of this situation, as a medical profession, and as a society? This question cannot be answered until both the affected people and profession can overcome our collective hubris. It is not enough to admit we don’t know all the answers. We must see that we are not yet certain of all the questions that must be answered. In such a situation, competing interests must not pretend to take the moral high ground when no one can be certain where it will be located. First and foremost, we must back off from our current approaches until questions can be answered with proper studies, done with sufficient patients, and sufficient controls, over a sufficient period of time. Any insistence on a single course of therapy without this information could prove to be the same type of morally unacceptable interventions that caused formal research protections to be created in the first place.

In the meantime, we must adopt a more respectful tone with those whom we disagree. As John Milton said, “Where there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions; for opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making.” Most important of all, in order to protect the current and future well-being of these affected children, we must rely on the ancient principal of medical ethics “In the first place, do no harm.” Until we can demonstrate the efficacy and safety of any proposed treatment or intervention, its usage must properly be considered a medical experimentation and require fully informed consent. Anything less is a betrayal of both our principles and our progeny.

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