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PHIL 3316
Medical Ethics
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Section TR9  Code 19911
Tues/Thurs 9:30 – 10:45

Course Description

Medical ethics focuses on the moral issues associated with the practice of medicine and the pursuit of biomedical research. We shall focus on a broad spectrum of concerns that affect patients, their families, physicians, researchers, and society as a whole, including the unborn.

In this course, we address these ethical issues through an examination of real cases. The topics range from the familiar (abortion, suicide, euthanasia) to the more obscure (assisted reproduction, stem cells, reproductive cloning). Other topics include how doctors should handle requests to die from both terminal and non-terminal patients, whether it is permissible to end life-sustaining treatment in comatose patients, and how we ought to treat severely impaired babies.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about this course, please email at cvitrano@brooklyn.cuny.edu or stop by my office (3315 Boylan) during office hours on Tuesdays from 12:15 – 2:15 PM and on Thursdays from 12:15 – 1:25 PM.