

## **Philosophy 3500 Medical Ethics Dr. Sherlock Fall 2013**

MWF 3—3:50 Main 121

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Requirements: This course will involve a mixture of class discussion and lecture. We will also use a number cases from my extensive file of cases. There will 14 3 page papers that you will be able to write. You must write 12. If you write 13 I will drop your lowest score. If you write 14 I will drop your lowest 2 scores. I will also have 6 unannounced quizzes. The quizzes will be such that if you are here regularly you cannot fail them. They will be open note and open book. If you get 5 out of 6 you will get 25 extra credit points if you get less than 5 you get 0. Paper topic and dates due are attached. Also I want to encourage you to do the on line course evaluations. So if 80 percent of the class does an evaluation all of the class will get 10 extra credit points

### **Outline: Topics and Readings**

August 26 Introduction and Discussion

#### **BASIC ETHICS**

read pp. 3—50

August 28 Foundations: Relativism

August 30 Foundations : Naturalism

September 4 Foundations : Moral Sense

September 6 Normative: Utilitarianism

September 9 Normative : Kantianism

September 11 Normative : Virtue

#### **DOCTOR AND PATIENT**

September 13 Patient Autonomy pp. 84—130 : Dworkin, Goldman, Ackerman

**December 2 Summarize the view of Ezekial Emmanuel et.al. on how to ration medical care.**

**December 9 turn in your group reports \***

September 16 Patient Autonomy

September 18 Truth Telling pp. 131—179 Thomasma, Lipkin, Cullen&Klein

September 20 Truth Telling

September 23 Confidentiality Siegler, Tarasoff

September 25 Confidentiality

September 27 OUT OF TOWN

September 30 Informed Consent pp. 190—220 Faden and Beauchamp, Katz, Brody, Canterbury vs Spence

October 2 Informed Consent Sherlock

October 4 Informed Consent

#### ABORTION

October 7 Abortion pp. 291—391 Thompson, Marquis, Noonan, Warren, English

October 9 Abortion Roe vs Wade, Planned Parenthood

October 11 Abortion

October 14 Abortion

October 16 Abortion

October 18 FALL BREAK

October 21 selective abortion pp. 538—548 Kass Purdy

October 23 Infanticide Tooley

October 25 Care for disabled newborns

#### END OF LIFE CARE

October 28 End of Life Care pp. 594—677 Quill, Brock, Callahan, Lachs, Arras, New York State Task Force, Vacco vs Quill, Washington vs. Glucksberg

October 30 End of life Care

**November 1 End of life Care**

**November 4 End of Life Care**

**November 6 End of Life Care**

**November 8 End of Life Care**

**November 11 End of Life Care**

**November 13 Health Care Access pp. 681—746**  
**Read all of this**

**November 15 Health Care Access**

**November 18 Health Care Access**

**November 20 Health Care Access Class into groups**

**November 22 Groups**

**December 2 Group Reports**

**December 4 Group Reports**

**Dec 6 Conclusion**

## **Papers.**

Each paper must be at least 2 ½ pages long. just 2 is too short. 4 is too long. There are 14 possible. YOU MUST DO 12. If you do 13 I will drop your lowest score. If you do all 14 I will drop your lowest 2 scores. Six of the papers are required. The others you may choose. The ones you must do have an asterisk. I have a grading grid at the end. If it is a case analysis you must cite two specific facts. If it is an article summary you must have two quotes.

### **TOPICS AND DUE DATES.**

September 6 Analyze the case of Mrs. N.G. and answer 2 questions with a reason 1. Is she competent to make her own decision 2. Independent of that what would you do. \*

Sept. 16 Summarize in your own words Ackerman's argument for why doctors sometimes must intervene.

September 23 Summarize my argument for not telling the 17 year old's parents about the cancer treatment. \*

September 30 Would you preserve confidentiality in the case of the adult male sex offender? Why or why not.

October 7 Summarize the difference between shared decisionmaking and the model of entrustment that I defended. Use my article that I passed out.

October 14 Summarize Mary Anne Warren's argument for abortion rights and offer 1 criticism

October 21 Summarize Frank Beckwith's substance argument against abortion and offer a 1 paragraph critique. \*

October 28 Analyze the case of abortion because of fetal abnormality and say what you would do.

November 4 analyze the case of whether to give extraordinary care to the disabled newborn.

November 11 Analyze the case of Mr. WD and say what you would do \*

November 15 Analyze the case of Louis Ritsch. Would you provide a lethal dose of a medication.

November 22 State carefully the distinction made in Catholic medical ethics between removing a dialysis machine and removing a feeding tube \*