Philosophy 3500 Medical Ethics  Prof. Richard Sherlock

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Text: Reading Packet in the bookstore

Requirements:  5 two page papers Topics and Dates Attached. A 5 page take home midterm and a 5 page take home final. Also each group must submit a 5 page analysis with all names attached. Thus there will be about 20 pages of writing.

Topics and Days

January 12  Intro to Class and discussion
Basic Ethics

January 14 Relativism and Naturalism

January 19 Naturalism and Moral Sense

January 21 Utility

January 26  Kant and Aristotle
Doctor and Patient

January 28  Hippocratic Oath, Ancient and Modern Medicine

February 2 Informed Consent: Percival, AMA, Hooker, Collins, Oaken

February 4 Standard Theory of Consent Beecher, Canterbury, Shared Decisionmaking

February 9 Entrustment

February 16  NO CLASS

February 18  Confidentiality Hippocratic Oath, cases, Zeigler

February 23  Arguments for Confidentiality
February 25 Tarasoff and Issues

Abortion

March 1 Intro, Soranos, Didache,

March 3 Reform Laws of the 1960’s Roe v Wade

March 15 Mary Ann Warren, Don Marquis

MID TERM PASSED OUT

March 17 Thompson, English

March 22 Condic, Beginning Selective Abortion

March 24 Selective Abortion Steinbock, Lebacqz Divide into Groups

MID TERM DUE

Euthanasia

March 29 McCormick, Infanticide, Duff and Campbell, Genetic Child Abuse, JME Article

March 31 me on infanticide, brain death Harvard report

April 5 Brain Death Veatch, President’s Commission

April 7 Euthanasia Background voluntary/non-voluntary active/passive ordinary/extraordinary means

April 12 Brock and Arras

April 14 Kass and Sherlock

Distribution

FINAL PASSED OUT

April 19 Issues in Distribution

April 21 Group 1

April 26 Group 2
Papers and Due Dates

1. If you were the physician in the attached case of the 17 year old cancer patient would you inform the family why or why not?
   DUE FEBRUARY 18

2. Describe the two arguments for medical confidentiality
   DUE MARCH 1

3. Describe EITHER Thompson’s “violinist” example or English’s “mad scientist” example and what they argue about abortion. OFFER A CRITICISM
   DUE MARCH 24

4. Describe infanticide as seen in the Duff and Campbell article and make a criticism
   DUE APRIL 5

5. Compare Kass’ argument against euthanasia with Arras’
   DUE APRIL 19
Grade Breakdown

Each paper 100 pts possible
Mid Term  100 pts
Group Project  200 pts
Final   150 pts

Total Points  950

950—910  A
909—945  A—
944—910  B+
910—860  B
860—810  B—
810—770  C+
770—730  C