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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

April 28 Group 3

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