

# PHEN Communiqué: September 2011

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## PHEN Announcements and Events

### Clinical Ethics Consultation Boot Camp

Due to overwhelming interest in the event, participant spaces are currently full for the upcoming *Clinical Ethics Consultation Boot Camp* in Banff, Alberta from November 3 - 5, 2011. To be placed on a waiting list, please email [info@phen.ab.ca](mailto:info@phen.ab.ca). This intensive, interactive and high-quality learning experience in clinical ethics consultation will provide participants with theoretical background and practical, hands-on training on the entire ethics consultation process, from intake and preparation, to meeting facilitation and evaluation. For more information, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/bootcamp/index.asp>

### Introduction to Bioethics Distance Education Course 2012

PHEN is pleased to be celebrating over a decade of innovative, accessible and high quality health ethics education with the 12th offering of the distance education course *Introduction to Bioethics*. The course, running from January to May 2012, has been designed to bridge the gap between academic bioethics and clinical practice by integrating instruction from prominent North American Bioethicists with the application of practical skills and case studies in each learning module. For more info on the course and to apply, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/disted/index.asp>

### PHEN Operations

The Ministry of Health and Wellness recently confirmed an extension of PHEN's existing funding agreement to June 30, 2012. At the request of the Ministry, work is underway with other ethics bodies in the province, facilitated by AHS, to identify existing functions, gaps and opportunities in clinical ethics services in Alberta. A decision regarding the future of PHEN's core operational funding is expected to be made in early 2012.

## Other Announcements and Events

### When They Say No: Caring for Patients Who Refuse Treatment

Edmonton, AB and via Telehealth: October 6, 2011

Room 237, Community Services Centre, Royal Alexandra Hospital

Speaker: Katherine Duthie, Clinical Ethics Resident, Royal Alexandra Hospital. To register

via telehealth, please visit <http://vcscheduler.ca\ahs> and look for "RAH Lunchtime Ethics" under "Calendar of Upcoming Videoconferences". For more info, please contact Denise Hugman at 780.725.6910 or [denise.hugman@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:denise.hugman@albertahealthservices.ca)

### Religion, Ethics and Culture 1

Edmonton, AB and via Telehealth: October 27, 2011

Room 237, Community Services Centre, Royal Alexandra Hospital

Speaker: Gary Goldsand, Clinical Ethicist, Royal Alexandra Hospital. To register via telehealth, please visit <http://vcscheduler.ca\ahs> and look for "RAH Lunchtime Ethics" under "Calendar of Upcoming Videoconferences". For more info, please contact Denise Hugman at 780.725.6910 or [denise.hugman@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:denise.hugman@albertahealthservices.ca)

### Call For Posters: Accreditation Canada Conference

Accreditation Canada and the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics invite the submission of poster proposals for peer review to the *Ethics in Health Care Conference* which will be held on November 3rd – 4th, 2011 in Toronto, Ontario. The deadline for submissions is October 3, 2011. For more information, please visit <http://www.accreditation.ca/educational-resources/education-sessions/conferences-and-seminars/>

### UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum Section 2

The UNESCO Division of Ethics of Science and Technology recently published a new version of the UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum Section 2 (Study Materials) in English. The Core Curriculum, which was developed by a group of ethics teaching experts from diverse cultural backgrounds, is a key component of UNESCO's strategy to promote high standards of bioethics education around the world. Based on the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, it is designed to introduce the bioethics principles of the Declaration to university students. To download the materials, please visit <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002109/210933E.pdf>

### **Health Ethics in the News**

PHEN posts links to current news articles related to health ethics at <http://www.phen.ab.ca> - a few of the most recent articles are outlined below. Some of these sites require registration with the external website, but registration is free and only needs to be completed once.

Making Laws About Making Babies

<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2011/09/13/making-laws-about-making-babies/before-regulation-the-fertility-industry-some-hard-questions>

Is Ethical Human Genetic Enhancement Possible?

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/alexknapp/2011/09/15/is-ethical-human-genetic-enhancement-possible/>

Lessons From Past Unethical Experiments

<http://the-scientist.com/2011/08/30/lessons-from-past-unethical-experiments/>

Confessions of an Ex-Moralist

<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/08/21/confessions-of-an-ex-moralist/>

Happiness, Philosophy and Science

<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/08/31/happiness-philosophy-and-science/>

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*If you have a health ethics event or announcement to publicise, please email it to [middleton@phen.ab.ca](mailto:middleton@phen.ab.ca) for inclusion in an upcoming issue of PHEN Communiqué.*