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Banking Our Genes: Ethical & Legal Consequences

Genes are vast storehouses of information. They provide a unique "fingerprint" of each individual. Research into the genetic information in DNA has opened up exciting new possibilities. Yet who has access to DNA information and how it is used? This important new documentary invites viewers to think about the ethical, legal, public policy and privacy issues involved in DNA banking.

An excellent starting point for serious discussion.

Adult, Professional
33 minutes, order 9-7196-IN

The Burden Of Knowledge

Moral Dilemmas In Prenatal Testing

This provocative documentary explores the difficult ethical issues arising from advances in biotechnology that now make it possible to identify genetic defects during pregnancy.

It features interviews with seven couples who speak openly and honestly about how they made their individual decisions about prenatal testing - as well as about how they have dealt with the positive and negative consequences of those decisions.

Also included are the comments of geneticists, genetic counselors, physicians, mid-wives, disability activists and scholars; central to their

From conception to death, these valuable video resources will explore the universal and culturally rooted ethical dilemmas faced by healthcare providers everyday.

discussion is a recognition of our society's changing perspectives on disability, which raise new questions about the option of selective abortion.

While offering no easy answers, the film stresses the importance of acknowledging the ways in which the weight of responsibility for making these decisions has shifted from "experts" to expectant couples. Raises crucial questions about personal responsibility and about the changing roles of science, medicine, and technology in an increasingly complex world.

Adult
55 minutes, order 9-7321-IN

Buying Time: The Media Role In Health Care

Adult
27 minutes, order 9-7318-IN

A Case Of Need: Media Coverage And Organ Transplants

Documents the case of Norma Lynn Peterson, who received over \$100,000.00 and a new liver within months of reports of her situation

hitting the news. Another patient in the same area did not come to the media's attention, and died before receiving the organ she needed.

Raises ethical questions about media responsibility in these cases, and about whether society should allow access to any vital resource to be influenced by publicity.

Hard hitting documentary for journalists, ethicists, medical professionals and all concerned with allocation of risks and benefits.

Professional
16 minutes, order 9-7083-IN

Code Gray: Ethical Dilemmas In Nursing

Discussion starter offers no easy answers as four nurses confront ethical dilemmas in their technologically complex work world, where humanity and wholeness as patients and nurses is in jeopardy.

For French version, please order 9-70000.

Professional
28 minutes, order 9-7000-IN

Code Gray: Ethical Dilemmas In Nursing (French Version)

French version of *Code Gray: Ethical Dilemmas In Nursing*

Professional
26 minutes, order 9-70000-IN

Cultural Diversity In Healthcare

A practical orientation to multi-cultural awareness and cross-cultural communication. Demonstrates the importance of building positive relationships with patients and co-workers in today's increasingly diverse healthcare environment. Illustrates how cultural differences can affect everything from a patient's response to treatment to a colleagues's need for "space." Uses real-life scenarios to show how inter-cultural sensitivity and communication skills contribute to healthy working relationships and the healing process.

Professional
22 minutes, order 1-2204-IN

Deception: Ethical Decision Making

Hospital Ethics Committee wrestles with whether to treat without informing patient because it would be "for the best". Is deception ever justified?

Adult, Professional
29 minutes, order 9-7051-IN



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Dreams And Dilemmas

Advances in neonatal medicine have dramatically improved the survival chances of premature infants, yet survival can come at a high cost: many such infants experience severe and often life-threatening health problems, and their parents and caregivers may confront enormously difficult and troubling decisions.

In this compelling documentary, award-winning filmmaker Richard Kahn follows one couple and their premature twin sons over the course of six months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

The cinema-verite style allows viewers to experience and share in the intensely difficult dilemmas confronted by the parents and by their nurses, physicians, social worker and hospital chaplain.

Professional
58 minutes, order 9-7311-IN

A Fate Worse Than Death?

Follows several families through process of deciding whether to withhold or withdraw artificial life support from loved ones in a coma or vegetative state.

Adult
58 minutes, order 9-7088-IN

Genetic Testing

The Doctor Is In Series

The race is on to map the human genetic structure. Billions of dollars are being spent on the project, which has been compared to the scope of the race to put a man on the moon.

But how is this new information about our risk of developing diseases affecting us? How does knowing that you have the gene for Huntington's disease and will die an early death affect your life while healthy? How do couples deal with prenatal testing that lets them know whether they're carrying a fetus with a serious disease? When can genetic testing prevent the effects of a disease?

This program examines the ethical issues coming out of the human genome project. Interviewed are Dr. Frederick Li of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Walter Noll, a geneticist at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dr. Richard Myers of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and members of a committee looking at ethical issues in genetic testing.

Adult, Professional
28 minutes, order 2-3130-IN

Grave Words: Tools For Discussing End Of Life Decisions

Learning to talk with patients about resuscitation and other end-of-life care decisions is a challenge for many doctors and other healthcare providers.

It is something still rarely taught in medical schools, yet it has become an increasingly important, perhaps even essential, aspect of good medical practice.

Produced by Maren R. Monsen, M.D., this video takes a unique approach to this topic by blending humour, upbeat music, and insightful interviews to confront head-on the issues that arise in such end-of-life discussions.

Nationally-recognized experts offer their counsel in dealing with these issues and a re-enacted "ideal conversation" between a doctor and a terminally ill patient provides a model for doctors in carrying out these conversations in their own practices.

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Professional
25 minutes, order 9-7306-IN

Help Me Die

Profiles those who want help to end their pain by suicide, and others who wish to live and seek pain relief through medication, treatment, and hospice programs which permit them to die with dignity.

Invites viewers to examine their conceptions of personal rights and social responsibilities.

Post Secondary - Advanced, Adult, Professional
60 minutes, order 9-7087-IN



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High Risk Babies

The Doctor Is In Series

What causes babies to be born early? Is there anything that can prevent it? What's being done to help the preemies? Several families are followed through the harrowing time of a premature birth.

Also looks at full-term babies with medical problems, and promising new surgery on fetuses while still in the mother's womb. Interviewed are Dr. Mitchell Golbus of the University of California, San Francisco Fetal Treatment Program, Dr. Richard Moss, a pediatrician at Stanford University Medical Center, members of the neonatology department at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dr. Ernie Young, an ethicist at Stanford University, and Dr. Sumner Yaffe, director of the Center for Research for Mothers and Children at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Adult, Professional
28 minutes, order 2-3110-IN

Homelessness And Its Impact On The Healthcare System

Examines the makeup of today's homeless population and addresses the question of who should be responsible for treating the homeless. Panelists discuss numbers of homeless, the locales where homeless are most prevalent, food distribution programs, housing strategies, healthcare needs and effects of environment on homeless health. The panelists then discuss the healthcare institutions' attempts to treat homeless and the difficulty involved with discharging them from hospitals into less costly care centers. The panel offers various strategies for lessening the homeless care crisis.

Institute: Mark C. Benson, ACSW, VA Medical Center, East Orange, New Jersey
Ed Tetelman, Assistant Deputy Public Advocate, State of New Jersey;
Michael Jaker, MD, Dir. Emergency Med Svcs, Univ. of Med. and Dentistry, NJ;
Patrice Sikora, Healthcare Information

Post Secondary - Advanced, Adult, Professional
57 minutes, order 1-3960-IN

Human Genome Testing: Your Genetic Future

Healthy Living: Road To Wellness Series

Students are bound to engage in heated discussions on the ethics of genetic screening tests. This explosive program centers on the Human Genome Project (DNA testing for abnormalities), and the potential uses and abuses of genetic screening tests by health insurance companies and employers.

Ages 16 to Adult
30 minutes, order 5-4979-IN

Medical Ethics: Is The Human Body A Commodity?

The Life Choices Series

An overview of the ethical dilemmas related to genetic engineering and transplanting fetal tissue.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult
30 minutes, order 5-4277-IN

Nursing Approaches To Everyday Ethical Challenges

On a day-to-day basis, nurses are faced with making decisions concerning various ethical issues. Since these decisions focus on the biopsychosocial person and that person's interaction with the environment, the choices are not always clear. This discussion explores the decision-making process and differentiates between nursing and medical ethics.

Post Secondary - Advanced, Adult, Professional
30 minutes, order 1-5257-IN

Organ Transplants

The Doctor Is In Series

Over 6,000 Americans are waiting for a liver, heart or lung transplant. One quarter will die before they receive one. This program examines how the organ transplant system works, for both donors and recipients.

Viewers get to follow patients through a cornea and kidney transplant, and see how it's decided who will get what and when. Interviewed are Dr. Horace Henriques of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and Richard Luskin, Executive Director of the New England Organ Bank.

Adult, Professional
28 minutes, order 2-3127-IN

A Question Of Ethics: Aids - Foregoing Treatment

This program, part of a series focusing on bioethics, modern medicine, and the role of the hospital ethics committee in resolving patient care problems, uses a hypothetical case of AIDS to consider the issues of patient autonomy, motives of family members/significant others, usefulness of treatment, and allocation of limited medical resources.

Post Secondary - Advanced, Professional
30 minutes, order 1-5567-IN



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A Question Of Ethics: The Dying Patient, Treating Pain

A hospital ethics committee ponders a complex question: should a potentially fatal dose of morphine be administered to a terminal patient who is in extreme pain?

In the theoretical dilemma created for this discussion, the patient is incapable of expressing his own wishes. This forces the committee to consider issues of the physician's judgment, the family's wishes, legal ramifications and the patient's quality of life.

This program offers an informative look into the workings of a hospital ethics committee and the important policy questions that they must resolve.

Professional
30 minutes, order 1-5568-IN

A Question Of Ethics: Aids Testing

Focuses on bioethics, modern medicine, and the role of the hospital ethics committee in resolving confidentiality and patient care problems.

Post Secondary - Advanced, Adult, Professional
30 minutes, order 1-5652-IN

A Question Of Ethics: A Heart Transplant Program

A hypothetical situation helps explore the ethical dimensions of starting a heart transplant program.

Post Secondary - Advanced, Adult, Professional
28 minutes, order 1-5653-IN

A Question Of Ethics: Physician Nurse Relationships

Explores sources of friction between doctors and nurses; gender issues.

Post Secondary - Advanced, Adult, Professional
30 minutes, order 1-5660-IN

A Question Of Ethics: Starting A Bioethics Committee

Considers how the committee will be perceived, who should be on it, and what each member should do.

Post Secondary - Advanced, Adult, Professional
28 minutes, order 1-5661-IN

The Right To Decide (Advance Directives)

Unrehearsed interviews between elderly patients and their physicians concerning CPR, respirators, and tube feeding.

Features superb role modelling for both undergraduate and graduate medical education.

Post Secondary - Advanced, Adult
40 minutes, order 9-7180-IN

The Support Project: To Improve Care At The End Of Life

This new video focuses on the goals and outcomes of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's controversial *SUPPORT Study*, which looked at the ways very seriously ill patients are cared for in American hospitals today.

Looks primarily at the Study's second phase, during which teams of nurses were hired and specially trained to facilitate communication between patients, their families and their physicians.

The Study report has generated considerable national debate since it indicates that these efforts to improve communication resulted in NO significant improvement in the patient outcomes being measured, including the time of do-not-resuscitate orders (DNR's); physicians' understanding of what their patients wanted; time spent in intensive care, in coma, or on respirators; and pain management.

This short video will be of value as a trigger film for those who wish to discuss the Study's goals and outcomes, and why it failed to produce positive change.

Professional
14 minutes, order 9-6905-IN



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To Choose No Harm: Ethical Decision-making At End Of Life

The situations that healthcare workers confront when caring for dying patients can present the most ethically challenging problems they will ever face.

Yet, these complex, intertwined, and frequently "messy" realities of day-to-day decision-making are often overshadowed in media debates over "assisted suicide."

This powerful new documentary allows us to be present at meetings in which two different healthcare teams must resolve conflicts between the wishes of their patients' families, and their own beliefs and clinical judgements.

The situation of a young man with AIDS raises compelling issues about futility of care, as well as conflicts between patient autonomy and responsibility to others. In the case of an elderly woman with terminal cancer, the staff confront disagreements between the patient and her husband over her wish to decline CPR and return home.

The situation is further complicated when her insurance company refuses to pay for additional hospitalization. Each case is discussed by a panel of caregivers, administrators, and ethicists. This is an invaluable resource for discussions of nursing, medicine, ethics and healthcare policy.

Adult
45 minutes, order 9-7310-IN

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