

CULTURAL DIFFERENCE, ETHICS AND HEALTH

A PROGRAM BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI BIOETHICS SOCIETY

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND GOAL:

Ethical issues in health care run the gamut, from end-of-life decisions to health care professional-patient relationships to providing health care for indigent patients. When the issue of cultural difference becomes a variable in the debates that surround health care in a modern society, the maze becomes more intricate. It is the goal of this program to identify some of the cultural concerns and differences that arise in today's health care system and to discuss these issues in an effort to educate students and faculty about bioethics' increasing role in solving such problems.

DRAFT PROGRAM:

- 9:30-10:00** Registration/Sign-in
- 10:00-10:10** Welcome and acknowledgments
- 10:10-10:50** A talk by Pedro Jose Greer, M.D.
- 11:00-11:50** Roundtable Discussions
- 11:50-12:20** Lunch
- 12:20-12:50** *Folk remedies in a modern health care system* (Zi Cai Feng, Ph.D.)
- 1:00-1:50** *Immigration and Health Care, a Student Panel Discussion* (Fred Westphal, Ph.D.)
- 1:50-2:00** Evaluation and adjournment.

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Bioethics Society

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What is the Bioethics Society? The University of Miami Bioethics Society was founded in the spring of 1994 as an organization dedicated to stimulating discussion and interest and encouraging scholarly activity and social awareness in bioethics and its related fields. In other words, the Bioethics Society exists to make the students and faculty at the university aware of bioethics and its expanding role in society- especially in the areas of medicine and scientific investigation.

THE ISSUES

- Genetics
- Abortion
- Living wills
- Physician assisted suicide
- Cultural difference and health care
- Organ transplantation and donation
- Patients' right to refuse treatment
- Health care for the indigent
- Health care reform
- Religion and Health care
- Environmental ehtics
- Treatment of AIDS patients
- Euthanasia
- Role and function of ethics committees
- End of Life decisions

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THE ACTIVITIES

- Ethics Conference (Fall 1996)
- Guest Speakers
- Ethics Rounds at UM/JM Hospital
- The Miami Ethics Review* Newsletter
- Round Table Discussions
- Co-Programming
- Camillus House
- Hospice visits
- Medical School Visits

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN:

- Medicine
- Law
- Nursing
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Biology
- Health care policy
- Political science/Business