The Center for Bioethics presents Mini Bioethics Academy

Grand Challenges in Bioethics

Mini Bioethics Academy is a three evening event sponsored by the University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics and open to anyone interested in learning about and discussing bioethical issues.

Wednesdays: October 28, November 4, November 11, 2015 – 6:30-8:30 pm
Arthur Upson Room, Walter Library – East Bank Campus of the University of Minnesota
Choose to attend one, two, or all three sessions
Discounted registration is available for University students, faculty, staff and Fairview employees

To register, visit: www.bioethics.umn.edu

Wednesday, October 28

Gun deaths and injuries: A public health perspective
Steven Miles, MD, Professor and Maas Family Endowed Chair in Bioethics; Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School

A steady stream of media reports feature injuries and fatalities stemming from the use of guns. Join physician and bioethicist Dr. Steve Miles as he makes the case for a public health approach to preventing gun deaths and injuries.

Wednesday, November 4

It’s all about you, or is it? The complex issues of genetic testing
Bonnie S. LeRoy, MS, CGC, Professor and Director of the Graduate Program of Study in Genetic Counseling, University of Minnesota Department of Genetics Cell Biology and Development; Editor, Journal of Genetic Counseling

Genetic services is becoming an integral component in all areas of medical care. Advances in genetic testing technology provides care that is more precise and targeted to each individual, but there are many challenges that come with this technology. We will discuss what genetic technology can do for individuals, who owns the results, what one does with the uncertainty inherent in this technology, and what to do when results we were not even looking for are discovered through testing.

Wednesday, November 11

At home and in the hospital: The ethics of eldercare
Edward Ratner, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of General Medicine, University of Minnesota; Affiliate Faculty, Center for Bioethics; Medical Director, Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice, Roseville, MN

Today’s health care advances mean that people are living much longer than in past generations. With new treatments and technologies, our country is experiencing a new generation of elders. But what are the challenges for families and institutions that deal with an aging population? How do we help each other navigate the path between independence, dependence and interdependence?