Bioethics Challenges in Today’s Society

Mini Bioethics Academy is open to anyone interested in learning about and discussing bioethical issues. Choose to attend one, two, or all three sessions. Sponsored by the University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics

**Wednesdays: April 10, 17, 24, 2013 – 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Fairview Community Center, 1910 County Road B West, Roseville, MN**

Advance registration: $20/session or $50/3 sessions  
Student rate: $10/session or $25/3 sessions  
Same day registration: $25/session at door, space available

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**Wednesday, April 10**

**“Happiness is a Warm Gun”: Bioethics and Gun Policy**

Steven Miles, MD  
**Professor and Maas Family Endowed Chair in Bioethics, Center for Bioethics; Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Medical School**

Gun violence is a public health problem in terms of causing deaths and injuries. Having a gun in the house is a risk factor for death or injury. Practitioners commonly assess for risk factors (biological, like cholesterol), behavioral (like using seat belts). Does clinical ethics (rules for how health professionals act) have a legitimate role to play in reducing gun violence?

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**Wednesday, April 17**

**Can Your Genes be Patented?**

Leili Fatehi, JD  
**Research Fellow, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs; Adjunct Professor of Law, U of M Law School**

Your genes are the key to your individuality, but they also contain both scientifically and financially valuable information about the risk, onset, progress, diagnosis, and treatment of many diseases and disorders such as cancer. This information can be of value to you, your family, your doctor, the biomedical research community, biotechnology companies, the pharmaceutical industry, patient communities, and the public at large. Given the potential for conflicting interests, how should we govern the ownership and patentability of genes and genetic information?

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**Wednesday, April 24**

**At Home and in the Hospital: 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?