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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS! Transparency in Health and Health Care: Legal and Ethical Possibilities and Limits - PFC's 2017 Annual Conference



**Submissions Due: No later than December 2, 2016**

Full call [online!](#)

Conference: April 28, 2017 at Harvard Law School

Transparency is a relatively new concept to the world of health and health care, considering that just a few short decades ago we were still in the throes of a "doctor-knows-best" model. Today, however, transparency is found on almost every short list of solutions to a variety of health policy problems, ranging from conflicts of interest to rising drug costs to promoting efficient use of health care resources, and more.

This conference, and anticipated edited volume, will aim to: (1) identify the various thematic roles transparency has been called on to play in American health policy, and why it has emerged in these spaces; (2) understand when, where, how, and why transparency may be a useful policy tool in relation to health and health care, what it can realistically be expected to achieve, and when it is unlikely to be successful, including limits on how patients and consumers utilize information even when we have transparency; (3) assess the legal and ethical issues raised by transparency in health and health care, including obstacles and opportunities; (4) learn from comparative examples of transparency, both in other sectors and outside the United States.

We welcome submissions on both the broad conceptual questions described above and more specific policy issues listed on [our website](#). If you are interested in participating, please send a 1-page abstract of the paper you would plan to present to [petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu](mailto:petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu) as soon as possible, but not later than December 2, 2016. If your abstract is selected, your final paper will be due on March 31, 2017, and you will be assigned a presentation slot for the conference.

Read the full call online [here!](#)

## DON'T MISS OUR OCTOBER EVENTS!



### **Health Care after the Election**

**October 24, 2016 12:00 PM**

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein West AB \(2019\), Harvard Law School](#)  
[1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)



### **Concurrent Surgeries: Medical, Legal, and Ethical Issues**

**October 27, 2016 12:00 PM**

[Pound Hall 101, Ballantine Classroom, Harvard Law School, 1563](#)  
[Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



**Innovation-Innovation Tradeoffs in Drug Pricing**  
by Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow alumna)  
*Annals of Internal Medicine, October 11, 2016*

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## News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

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**Should doctors have the legal right to refuse care?**  
by Lisa Rapport, quoting Holly Fernandez Lynch (Executive Director)  
*Reuters, October 5, 2016*

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### **The Readout: Speaking of Drug Prices**

by Damian Garde and Meg Kesh, featuring Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow alumna)  
*STAT, October 12, 2016*



**HMS Center for Bioethics Contemporary Authors in Bioethics Series: The American Health Care Paradox - Why Spending More is Getting Us Less**

Event by Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School, featuring Lauren A. Taylor (Student Fellow alumna)  
*Center for Bioethics, October 27, 2016*

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## Recent Blog Posts

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### Bill of Health

Examining the intersection of law and health care, biotech & bioethics  
A blog by the Petrie-Flom Center and friends

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#### General health law/policy:

- "[When is a juror too biased?](#)," by Dov Fox
- "['Concussion' distorts the scope of traumatic brain injury](#)," by Brad Segal
- "[Religious Hospitals Should Fully Fund Their Employees' Pensions](#)," by Shailin Thomas

#### Health insurance, health care reform/finance:

- "[CMS Prohibits Arbitration Clauses in Long-Term Care Facility Contracts](#)," by Wendy S. Salkin
- "[Learning from adverse health care events in Scotland](#)," by John Tingle

#### Pharmaceuticals:

- "[Monthly Round-Up of What to Read on Pharma Law and Policy](#)," by Ameet

Sarpatwari and Aaron S. Kesselheim

- "[A Common Morality? The European Patent Convention and Article 53\(a\)](#)," by Seán Finan

#### 'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:

- "[Lisa Ikemoto on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast](#)," by Nicolas Terry and Frank Pasquale

If you'd like to join us as a guest blogger or if you have something you'd like us to post, please contact us at [petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu](mailto:petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu).

## Petrie-Flom Center Events

Check out our [website](#) for a more complete listing of events as well as full co-sponsorship information about our collaborators. Remember, you can find materials from many of our events, including slide presentations and full event videos, online in our [events archive](#).



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### **NEW EVENT! 21st-Century Advanced Illness Care Team: How Team-based Care is Moving Medicine Beyond the Clinic into the Home and Community**

**November 2, 2016 12:00 PM**

[Pound Hall, Room 101, Harvard Law School, 1563 Massachusetts](#)  
[Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

## Check Out These Other Great Upcoming Events!

- [REGISTER NOW! The Ethics of Early Embryo Research & the Future of the 14-Day Rule](#), November 7, 2016
- [Half A Life: Legal and Policy Implications of Releasing Youth Incarcerated for Murder](#), November 15, 2016
- [Book Launch: Nudging Health - Health Law and Behavioral Economics](#), November 16, 2016
- [Conference: The Animal Welfare Act at 50](#), December 2-3, 2016
- [REGISTER NOW! Paying Research Participants: Ethical and Regulatory Parameters](#), December 9, 2016
- [5th Annual Health Law Year in P/Review](#), January 23, 2017
- [CALL FOR ABSTRACTS! 2017 Annual Conference: Transparency in Health and Health Care - Legal and Ethical Possibilities and Limits](#), April 28, 2017

## Health Policy and Bioethics Consortia

- [International Trade and Access to Medicines: A Health Policy and Bioethics Consortium](#), October 14, 2016
- [The Hope and Hype of Precision Medicine: A Health Policy and Bioethics Consortium](#), November 16, 2016
- [Returning Results to Research Participants: A Health Policy and Bioethics Consortium](#), February 10, 2017



## Other Harvard Events



### **NEW EVENT! Cluster Randomized Trials: Ethics, Regulations, Statistics & Design**

*Featuring Speaker [Holly Fernandez Lynch](#) (Executive Director)*

**November 3, 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

[Bray Room, Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, Harvard Medical School, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA](#)

*Co-Sponsored by Harvard Catalyst's [Regulatory Foundations, Ethics, and Law Program](#) and [Biostatistics Program](#).*

### **October Research Ethics Consortium: The Role of Publicity in Recruitment for Clinical Research**

**October 21, 12:30 - 2:00 PM**

[Countway Library, Minot Room, 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA](#)

*Sponsored by the [Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School](#)*

### **Contemporary Authors in Bioethics Series: The American Health Care Paradox: Why Spending More is Getting Us Less**

**October 27, 4:30 - 6:00 PM**

[TMEC 227 Mini Amphitheater, 260 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA](#)

*Sponsored by the [Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School](#)*

### **Organizational Ethics Consortium: Ethics Policy at the American Medical Association: How it's Developed and Why it Matters**

**October 28, 12:30 - 2:00 PM**

[Countway Library, Minot Room, 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA](#)

*Sponsored by the [Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School](#)*

### **2016 George W. Gay Lecture: Religion, Medicine, and Law - How to Heal When Values Conflict**

**November 3, 4:30 - 6:00 PM**

[TMEC Walter Amphitheater, 260 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA](#)

*Sponsored by the [Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School](#)*

## Health Law Policy & Bioethics Workshops

The 2016-2017 [Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics Workshops](#) provide a forum for discussion of new scholarship in these fields from the world's leading experts. Harvard graduate students may register to take the workshop for course credit, but it is also open to the public.

This year, the workshop is led by Professor [I. Glenn Cohen](#), and meets on selected Monday evenings from 5-7 PM on the Harvard Law School [campus](#). The invited presenter generally speaks for about 30 minutes, after which the floor is opened for Q&A. It is recommended to read the papers in advance. Papers will usually be posted on the [website](#) one week before they are scheduled for presentation, but occasionally are available by request only.

Questions about the workshop should be directed to Jennifer Minnich ([jminnich@law.harvard.edu](mailto:jminnich@law.harvard.edu)).

Upcoming workshops include:

October 17: W. Nicholson Price II, University of Michigan School of Law  
*Paper may be requested from Jennifer Minnich at [jminnich@law.harvard.edu](mailto:jminnich@law.harvard.edu)*

October 24: Lindsay Wiley, Washington College of Law at American University

November 7: Trudo Lemmens, University of Toronto Faculty of Law

November 21: Elizabeth Weeks Leonard, University of Georgia School of Law

November 28: Frances Kamm, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

February 6: Judith Daar, Whittier Law School

February 13: Brendan Maher, University of Connecticut School of Law

March 27: Kathryn Zeiler, Boston University School of Law

April 10: Leo Beletsky, Northeastern University School of Law

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## Harvard Opportunities

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### 2017-18 Call for Applications: Fellowships

Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics  
Application Deadline: Various

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### President's Innovation Challenge

Harvard Innovation Lab  
Application Deadline: December 5, 2016

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## Other Opportunities

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All opportunities are posted once in our newsletter. For the full posting and for other available positions, please visit our [website](#).

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### Call for Abstracts: 2017 bioIP Faculty Workshop

Loyola University of Chicago School of Law  
Application Deadline: **October 14, 2016**

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### Call for Applications: Penn Fellowship in Advanced Biomedical Ethics

Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine  
Application Deadline: December 5, 2016

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### Call for Applications: Hecht-Levi Post-Doc Fellowship

Berman Institute of Bioethics at Johns Hopkins University  
Application Deadline: December 15, 2016

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### Clinical Ethicist

WellStar Health System  
Application Deadline: Open until filled.

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