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2017 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Conference: Transparency in Health and Health Care: Legal and Ethical Possibilities and Limits

April 28, 2017

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East ABC.](#)

[Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and registration is required. [Register now!](#)

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. Doctors are now expected to be transparent about patient diagnoses and treatment options, hospitals are expected to be transparent about error rates, insurers about policy limitations, companies about prices, researchers about data, and policymakers about priorities and rationales for health policy intervention. But a number of important legal and ethical questions remain. For example, what exactly does transparency mean in the context of health, who has a responsibility to be transparent and to whom, what legal mechanisms are there to promote transparency, and what legal protections are needed for things like privacy, intellectual property, and the like? More specifically, when can transparency improve health and health care, and when is it likely to be nothing more than platitude?

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. In sum, we hope to reach better understandings of this health policy buzzword so that transparency can be utilized as a solution to pressing health policy issues where appropriate, while recognizing its true limitations.

Check out the full agenda and list of speakers on our [website!](#)

Sponsored by the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School and the [Center for Bioethics](#) at Harvard Medical School, with support from the Oswald DeN. Cammann Fund.

Don't Miss Our Other Great April Events!



Opiate Regulation Policies: Balancing Pain and Addiction

April 3, 2017 12:00 PM

[Austin Hall, West Classroom \(111\),](#)

[Harvard Law School, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

The current opiate epidemic has spurred long-overdue scrutiny on the pharmaceutical production and distribution of opiate medication, but it also raises questions of public policy and law regarding the regulation of medical access to and use of opiate medications with high potential for addiction. Expert panelists will address the challenges that arise from efforts to balance restrictions on access to opiates to limit addiction while also preserving sufficient access for legitimate medical management of pain.

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided.

Part of the [Project on Law and Applied Neuroscience](#), a collaboration between the [Center for Law, Brain & Behavior](#) at Massachusetts General Hospital and the [Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics](#) at Harvard Law School.



REGISTER NOW! Crowdfunding Medical Care: Identifying Ethical Implications

April 5, 2017 12:30 PM

[Tosteson Medical Education Center, Room 227,](#)

[Harvard Medical School, 260 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA](#)

Crowdfunding for medical care-seeking financial contributions from a large number of donors, often via social networks, to pay medical expenses-is growing in popularity in both the US and Canada. While the practice can have tangible benefits for some patients, it also raises challenging ethical and equity questions at the social level and for individual donors and campaigners. In this lecture, **Professor Valorie Crooks** will examine some of these questions, identify important directions for ethics-focused research, and discuss what we know about the medical expenses people are seeking to have covered.

This event is free and open to the public and lunch will be provided, but seating is limited and registration is required. A Harvard or other photo ID to enter the HMS campus. **Please register [here](#).**

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REGISTER NOW! Healing in the Wake of Community Violence: Lessons from Newtown and Beyond

Panel discussion and screening of the documentary *Newtown* (2016)

April 18, 2017 4:00 PM screening, 5:30 PM panel discussion

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East ABC](#)

[Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)

Join us for a film screening and panel discussion on challenges that arise from tragic acts of community violence. The event will begin with a screening of *Newtown*, a documentary examining the impact of the mass shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012. The screening will be followed by a panel of experts in health law policy, the neurobiology of trauma, and community approaches to violence in a discussion of public health, gun violence, and responses to community trauma. Discussion will highlight the issue of "healing the helpers"-the first responders, medical staff, clergy, mental health providers, and others who respond to the needs of victims, families, and communities in the wake of community violence.

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Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



The Purpose of My Death: Death, Dying, and Meaning

By [Frances Kamm](#) (Senior Fellow Alumna)

Ethics, Vol. 127, no. 3, April 2017

An FDA Commissioner for the 21st Century

By [Amitabh Chandra](#) and [Rachel E. Sachs](#) (Academic Fellow Alumna)

New England Journal of Medicine, March 29, 2017



Regulating Black-Box Medicine

By [W. Nicholson Price II](#) (Academic Fellow Alumnus)

Michigan Law Review, March 21, 2017

News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



(Health) Law and Order

By Mumu Xu, interviewing [Rachel E. Sachs](#) (Academic Fellow Alumna)

Beyond the Microscope Podcast, March 28, 2017

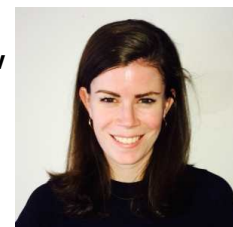
Sanofi, Regeneron ask court to shield Dupixent from Amgen patent attack

By Tracy Staton, citing blog post by [Rachel E. Sachs](#)
FiercePharma, March 21, 2017

The Original Lie About Obamacare

By David Leonhardt, quoting [Michael Anne Kyle](#) (Student Fellow Alumna)

New York Times, March 14, 2017



Recent Blog Posts



Bill of Health

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



- "[What Does It Mean to Be a Just Institution?](#)," by Lauren Taylor
- "[Housing Equity Week in Review](#)," by Center for Public Health Law Research
- "[Reforming the approach to clinical negligence in the National Health Service \(NHS\)](#)," by John Tingle
- "[Playing the Long Game: Epigenetics and Public Health](#)," by Séan Finan
- "[Housing Equity Week in Review](#)," by Center for Public Health Law Research
- "[What Happens Next for the ACA?](#)," by Rachel Sachs and Nick Bagley

Pharmaceuticals:

- "[New Drug Pricing Bill from Democrats Balances Innovation, Access](#)," by Rachel Sachs

'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:

- "[Nick Bagley on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast](#)," by Nicolas Terry and Frank Pasquale
- "[Andrea Matwyshyn on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast](#)," by Nicolas Terry and Frank Pasquale

Blog Symposium: Applying the Americans with Disabilities Act and Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act to the NFL Workplace

- "[New Blog Symposium! Applying the Americans with Disabilities Act and Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act to the NFL Workplace](#)," by Christopher R. Deubert
- "[The Americans with Disabilities Act and Discrimination Based on Predictive Health Data](#)," by Sharona Hoffman
- "[No Seat at the Table: The Legal Status of Players at the NFL Scouting Combine](#)," by Michael McCann

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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Other Harvard Events



REGISTER NOW! Harvard Medical School 2017 Bioethics Conference: The Ethics of "Making Babies"

April 6 - 7, 2017

[Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA](#)

Other Events



Annual Health Law Conference: Between Complacency & Panic - Legal, Ethical and Policy Responses to Emerging Infectious Diseases

Featuring Panelist [Holly Fernandez Lynch](#) (Executive Director)

April 14, 2017

[Northeastern University School of Law](#)

Learn more about the event and register [here!](#)

FDLI Annual Conference

May 4-5, 2017

Washington, DC

Register [here](#) by March 31!

Webinar | Compounding Still in the Mix: The DSCSA Three Years Later

May 18, 2017, 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET

Register [here](#) now!

Webinar | Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS): Key Issues and Best Practices

May 23, 2017, 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET

Register [here](#) now!

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).

Upcoming workshops include:

April 10: [Leo Beletsky](#), Northeastern University School of Law
Paper Available, Download [here!](#)

Harvard Opportunities

Health Care Initiative Happenings Reception and Panel with Health Care Faculty

HBS Health Care Initiative

Application Due: April 3, 2017

Summer Internship

Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard

Application Due: Open until filled.

Project Manager - SMART IRB

The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center, Harvard Medical School

Application Due: Open until filled.

Other Opportunities

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

Four-year Post Doctoral Research Position

Institute of Ethics, Dublin City University

Application Due: April 15, 2017

Caroline Miles Visiting Scholarship

The Ethos Centre at the University of Oxford

Application Due: April 24, 2017

Director of the Duke University Science Policy Tracking Program

Duke University

Application Due: April 27, 2017 5 PM

Assistant Professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanities

Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities in the Institute for Health and Equity at the Medical College of Wisconsin

Application Due: May 1, 2017

Senior Research Program Coordinator

Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute of Bioethics

Application Due: Open until filled

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