New Report from the Law & Ethics Initiative of the Football Players Health Study!

Harvard Report Compares NFL’s Health Policies and Practices to Those of Other Professional Sports Leagues

While the NFL’s player health policies and practices are robust in some areas, there are opportunities for improvement in others, according to the findings of a newly released report by researchers at The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.

The report, published this month, is the first comprehensive comparative analysis of health policies and practices across professional sports leagues. The research is part of the ongoing Football Players Health Study at Harvard University.

See the 'Affiliate News' section in the newsletter below for comprehensive media coverage of this report and its recommendations!

AGENDA NOW AVAILABLE! Critical Pathways to Improved Care for Serious Illness

Critical Pathways to Improved Care for Serious Illness
June 23, 2017, 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Join leading health care executives, experts, policymakers, and other thought leaders as they conclude a project to develop a guiding framework for providing improved care for people with serious illness. You are invited to observe the final working session where distinguished panelists will discuss innovations in program design and pathways for delivering high quality care to an aging population with chronic illnesses, especially those with declining function and complex care needs.

Attendees are welcome to participate in the afternoon discussion session, and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP for lunch here.

This project is funded by the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation, and this convening is part of the Project on Advanced Care and Health Policy, a collaboration between the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.

Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates
Comparing Health-Related Policies & Practices in Sports: The NFL and Other Professional Leagues
By Christopher R. Deubert (Senior Law & Ethics Associate), I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director), and Holly Fernandez Lynch (Executive Director)

The full report was reprinted in the Journal of Sports Law and Entertainment here.

Regulating Research with Biospecimens under the Revised Common Rule
By Holly Fernandez Lynch (Executive Director) and Michelle N. Meyer (Academic Fellow Alumna)
The Hastings Center Report, Vol. 47, Issue 3, May/June 2017

FDA User Fee Reauthorization Clears Hurdle In Senate With Bipartisan Support
By Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna)
Health Affairs Blog, May 15, 2017

Medical Tourism, Medical Migration, and Global Justice: Implications for Biosecurity in a Globalized
By I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)
Medical Law Review, April 11, 2017

News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

Check out media coverage of our new report, Comparing Health-Related Policies and Practices in Sports: The NFL and Other Professional Leagues!

Harvard study suggests some NFL health and safety changes
By Rick Maese
Washington Post, May 15, 2017

Harvard's Advice for NFL Player Health and Safety
By Jenny Vrentas
Sports Illustrated, May 15, 2017

How does the NFL stack up with health care?
By Michael McCann
ESPN, May 22, 2017

For more coverage, see:

- Roster exemptions for players with concussions could draw vote from NFL owners in USA Today, by Tom Pelissero, May 22, 2017
- The NFL May Make A Smart Change To Its IR Rules in Deadspin, by Dom Cosentino, May 17, 2017
- Why Successful Post-Season Runs Make People Lose Their Minds About Concussions in Forbes, by Lee Igel, May 16, 2017
Harvard Study Looks At Ways NFL Can Bolster Player Health in Law360, by Fola Akinnibi, May 16, 2017


Reading the Fine Print in DNA Kits
Interview featuring I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director)
NBC Boston, May 23, 2017

Babies from skin cells? New fertility technology raises ethical questions
By Lara O'Brien and Karin Marley, interviewing I. Glenn Cohen
The Current, May 19, 2017

Babies From Skin Cells? Prospect Is Unsettling to Some Experts
By Tamar Lewin, quoting I. Glenn Cohen
New York Times, May 16, 2017

New York state wants its prescription drug money back - or else
By Julie Appleby, quoting Rachel E. Sachs (Academic Fellow Alumna)
USA Today, May 18, 2017

New FDA Chief Scott Gottlieb: Medication Reformer or Big Pharma Shill?
By Paul Gaita, quoting Rachel E. Sachs
The Fix, May 18, 2017

The Trump administration could bring down drug prices. But it would take guts
By Ed Silverman, quoting Rachel E. Sachs
STAT News, May 15, 2017

The White House budget director dropped a hint about how Trump could bring drug prices down
By Carolyn Y. Johnson, quoting Rachel E. Sachs
Washington Post, May 12, 2017

Angel investors are the first stop in a new era of drug development
By Elana Gordon, quoting Rachel E. Sachs
Newsworks, May 11, 2017

Faculty Books in Brief - Spring 2017
Featuring book by I. Glenn Cohen (Faculty Director), Holly Fernandez Lynch (Executive Director), and Christopher T. Robertson (Academic Fellow Alumnus)
Harvard Law Bulletin, May 18, 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
General health law/policy

- "Reflection and Review at The National Health Service Litigation Authority (NHS LA)," by John Tingle
- "Is it legal for Trump to punish health insurers that do not support repeal of Obamacare?," by Christopher Robertson
- "Contracting to counter gene patents - a 21st Century solution to access and innovation," by Sarah Ali-Khan and E. Richard Gold

Pharmaceuticals:


Bioethics:

- "Fetal Consequentialism and Maternal Mortality," by Nadia N. Sawicki
- "Genomes on-line and the Health of Privacy," by Effy Vayena and Alessandro Blasimme

'The Week in Health Law' podcasts:

- "Nathan Cortez on 'The Week in Health Law' Podcast," by Nicolas Terry and Frank Pasquale

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.

Critical Pathways to Improved Care for Serious Illness: Second Roundtable Convening
June 23, 2017
Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East (2036), Harvard Law School
1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

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2017 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Open House
September 13, 2017, 5:30 PM
Wasserstein Hall, HLS Pub (1st Floor), Harvard Law School
1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA


Book Launch: Law, Religion, and Health in the United States
September 27, 2017, 12:00 PM
Wasserstein Hall, Milstein West A (2019), Harvard Law School
1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Book Launch: Specimen Science - Ethics and Policy Implications
November 9, 2017 12:00 PM
Room TBD, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
Sponsored by the Harvard Law School Library, the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.

Other Harvard Events

Harvard Clinical Bioethics Course
June 7-9, 2017
TMEC, 210 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115

HLS in the World: New Technologies, New Dilemmas - Part of the HLS200 Bicentennial Celebration
October 27, 2017 4:00 PM
Room TBD, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
This event is part of the HLS in the World sessions of HLS | 200, a bicentennial summit of academic sessions and programs devoted to legal issues of pressing importance. Events are open to Harvard Law School alumni and students, and registration is required. Registration will open on June 7.

Harvard Opportunities

2017-2018 Petrie-Flom Center Student Fellowship
Harvard Law School
Application Due: August 4, 2017

Harvard Graduate Student and Postdoc Bloggers
Bill of Health, Petrie-Flom Center
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.

Call for Proposals: 6th Annual Graduate Conference
Harvard Divinity School
Application Due: May 31, 2017

Analyst in Health Policy
Library of Congress
Application Due: June 8, 2017

Call for Papers: Privacy, Big Data and the Demands of Providing Quality Patient Care
Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy at Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Application Due: June 16, 2017

Call for Abstracts: Postgraduate Bioethics Conference
St Catherine’s College, Oxford
Application Due: July 1, 2017
Call for Papers
Rutgers Journal of Bioethics
Application Due: November 11, 2017

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