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Harvard Students: Apply Today for the PFC Student Fellowship!



Applications Due: August 5, 2016
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The Student Fellowship Program is designed to support student scholarly research of important issues at the intersection of law and health policy, including issues of health care financing and market regulation, biotechnology and intellectual property, biomedical research, and bioethics. The program is open to all Harvard graduate students who will be enrolled at the University during the fellowship year and who are committed to undertaking a significant research project and fulfilling other program requirements. Although the fellowship is open to all graduate students, including those in one-year programs, we encourage those who are in multi-year programs at Harvard to wait until after their first year to apply. Please note that the most successful research proposals will describe an idea and novel contribution, rather than simply a topic of interest. We recognize that students will be applying from a range of disciplines, which we strongly encourage; thus, we will account for a student's field and typical standards for work in their discipline when evaluating applications.

NEW RESOURCE!



[Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009: Legislative History Documents](#)

The Petrie-Flom Center is pleased to announce the availability of a [new resource](#) on its website: the legislative history of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act (BPCIA). The BPCIA, passed as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), created a pathway for the approval of biosimilar products and awarded innovator biologic companies twelve years of exclusivity for their products. Modeled after the Hatch-Waxman Act of 1984, which established our system of generic small-molecule drug approvals while simultaneously creating a five-year period of exclusivity for new drugs, consideration of the BPCIA's history is often lost in the discussion over the ACA's history as a whole. This resource selects only those documents relating to the BPCIA and may thus prove particularly useful for scholars of FDA law.

This new resource comes at an opportune time, as the courts and Congress have both turned their focus to the provisions of the BPCIA. In 2015, the Federal Circuit issued a divided opinion interpreting the BPCIA's instructions to biosimilar and innovator drug sponsors, and that opinion has now been appealed to the Supreme Court. Just last month, the Justices called for the views of the Solicitor General on this question, a step which may significantly increase the likelihood of an eventual cert grant. At the same time, several members of Congress have introduced a bill that would decrease the BPCIA's grant of exclusivity from twelve years to seven years, bringing it more in line with the five-year period in the Hatch-Waxman Act or seven-year period in the Orphan Drug Act. The twelve-year period of exclusivity may have been the most contentious aspect of the BPCIA as passed, with even the FTC arguing strongly against such a lengthy period at the time.

Full Conference Video Now Available!



Aligning Policy and People: Why the Time is Right to Transform Advanced Care

This conference was the inaugural event 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.

The event featured policymakers, thought leaders, family caregivers, clinicians, consumer advocates, and others working to identify the timely, practical, and actionable opportunities to transform care for people with advanced illness nearing end-of-life.

Check out the videos of each panel [here!](#)

Scholarship from Petrie-Flom Affiliates



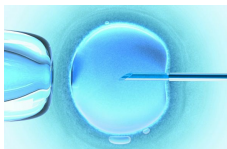
Embryo Disposition Disputes: Controversies and Case Law
by [I. Glenn Cohen](#) (Faculty Director) and Eli Y. Adashi
Hastings Center Report, July/August 2016, Vol. 46, Issue 5

Bosses in the Bedroom: Religious Employers and the Future of Employer-Sponsored Health Care

by [Holly Fernandez Lynch](#) (Executive Director) & Gregory D. Curfman (Affiliated Faculty)
Law, Religion, and Health in the United States, 2017 (forthcoming)



News from Petrie-Flom Affiliates

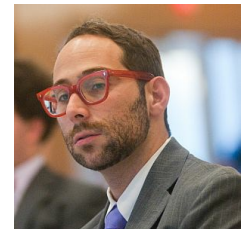


5 ways to avoid fighting over frozen embryos
by David Orenstein-Brown, citing [I. Glenn Cohen](#) (Faculty Director)
Futurity, July 18, 2016

(Also republished in [News Medical](#), July 19, 2016)

A designer will grow Alexander McQueen's skin in a lab to use for leather bags and jackets

by Marc Bain, quoting [I. Glenn Cohen](#) (Faculty Director)
Quartz, July 16, 2016



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

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Reproductive health/rights:

- "[Whole Woman's Health and the Future of Abortion Regulation](#)," by John A. Robertson

Food safety and regulation:

- "[Are The FDA's New Definitions And Labeling Requirements Good For Us, Or Just Empty Calories?](#)" by Diana R.H. Winters

General health law/policy:

- "[Data at Work](#)," by Scott Burris
- "[Human Rights Advocacy under Attack](#)," by Scott Burris
- "[Updated Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice Map](#)," by Public Health Law Research
- "[Malpractice, Terminal Patients, and Cause in Fact](#)," by Alex Stein
- "[Tort Reform in Oregon: Constitutional, After All?](#)," by Alex Stein
- "[Medical Malpractice vs. General Negligence under California Law](#)," by Alex Stein
- "[Update: Dental Hygiene Practitioners - why they're needed in Massachusetts, and why the amendment failed](#)," by Kelly Vitzthum
- "[The vexed problem of properly discharging elderly patients from hospital back into the community](#)," by John Tingle

Pharmaceuticals

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

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.

Petrie-Flom Center Events

Check out our [website](#) for a more complete listing of events scheduled for 2016, 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](#).

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE 2016/2017 EVENTS:



2016 Petrie-Flom Center Annual Open House

September 7, 2016 5:30 PM

[HLS Pub, Wasserstein Hall, 1st Floor, Harvard Law School](#)
[1585 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA](#)



Battling Blood in the Streets: How Can Neuroscience Promote Public Health and Support Public Policy to Prevent Community Violence?

September 7, 2016 4:00 PM

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



Health Care after the Election

October 24, 2016 12:00 PM

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



Concurrent Surgeries: Medical, Legal, and Ethical Issues

October 27, 2016 12:00 PM

[TBD, Harvard Law School](#)

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



Book Launch: Nudging Health: Health Law and Behavioral Economics

November 16, 2016 12:00 PM

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East BC \(2036\), Harvard Law School](#)

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



Conference: The Animal Welfare Act at 50

December 2-3, 2016

[Rooms TBD, Harvard Law School](#)

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



CONFERENCE, REGISTER NOW! Paying Research Participants: Ethical and Regulatory Parameters

December 9, 2016

[Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East ABC \(2036\), Harvard Law School](#)

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



PORTAL Ethics and Health Policy Seminar: Returning Results to Research Participants

February 10, 2017 12:30 - 2:00 PM

[TBD, Harvard Law School](#)

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

Other Events

Healthcare Compliance Certification Program

Seton Hall Law

October 24-27, 2016

Harvard Opportunities

Petrie-Flom Center Student Fellowship 2016-2017

Harvard Law School

Application Deadline: August 5, 2016

Free Online Course: Bioethics - The Law, Medicine, and Ethics of Reproductive Technologies and Genetics

Harvard University EdX with instructor Professor I. Glenn Cohen

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2016 (Open to all, course begins September 6)

Call for Harvard Student and Postdoc Submissions

Journal of Law and the Biosciences

Application Deadline: No later than September 9, 2016 (earlier submissions welcome)

Other Opportunities

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

Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Health Law, Policy and Ethics

University of Ottawa Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics

Application Deadline: August 1, 2016

University Professor and Director

Kegley Institute of Ethics, California State University Bakersfield

Application Deadline: September 15, 2016

Call for Proposals: BioIP Faculty Workshop

American Society for Law, Medicine & Ethics

Application Deadline: October 14, 2016

Call for Papers

Rutgers Journal of Bioethics

Application Deadline: November 11, 2014

IRB Administrator

Boston Children's Hospital

Application Deadline: Open until filled.

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