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“Ethics in clinical research: Myth, mystery, or missing in action?”

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Date: Monday November 17, 2008
Time: from 11h30 to 12h30
Location: Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal, 110 ave des Pins
Room: Jacques-Genest Auditorium

Dr. Bernstein is Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto, and a neurosurgeon at the Toronto Western Hospital. He obtained a MHSc in Bioethics (2003). His current research interests in bioethics include: error and patient safety; surgical innovation ethics; neuroethics; priority setting; ethical issues in surgical education; conflict of interest; informed consent; research ethics; and international surgery.

The Montreal Neuroethics Network promotes neuroethics training, education and dialogue by exposing various audiences to neuroethics issues, fostering collaboration and mutual learning, and ensuring Montreal’s leadership in addressing ethical and social issues in neurosciences and healthcare delivery through inter-institutional collaborations.

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Presents the following talk, open to all

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Mark Bernstein, MD

Mark Bernstein is a neurosurgeon at Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network, and Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto. His main area of clinical focus is caring for patients with brain tumours. He is also interested in helping advance neurosurgery in the developing world where he makes regular visits to operate and teach. He is also a dedicated educator at home, having won numerous teaching awards.

In 2003 Dr. Bernstein completed a Masters of Health Science in Bioethics. His main interests in bioethics are medical error, novel resource utilization, research ethics, informed consent, and neuroethics. He explores these areas with qualitative research methodology. Dr. Bernstein has published over 200 scientific papers and book chapters, a Textbook of Neuro-Oncology, and over 100 non-medical stories, many of which attempt to bridge the gap between doctors and the public. He is married and has three daughters.

He confesses to disliking the term “Neuroethics” but understands the field is of tremendous importance to neuroscientists, ethicists, and most importantly, patients. He sees neurosurgical technology evolving to where enhancement of normal states will become possible and requested by patients. These issues will be on the fringe of medicine and recreation and ethicists will need to play key role to help guide sensible and morally acceptable applications of such technologies.

Recent representative recent publications in ethics


Events-Événements

November 5-7, 2008 International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Kobe, Japan
http://www.econ.osaka-cu.ac.jp/~aseto/ISH/

November 6th, 2008 Neuroethics: East and West (Organizer: Osamu Sakura) Speakers: Eric Racine (IRCM, University of Montreal, McGill University) Koji Ishihara (University of Tokyo) Mayu Yamaguchi (University of Tokyo) Taichi Isobe (University of Tokyo)
http://www.econ.osaka-cu.ac.jp/~aseto/ISH/

November 7th, 2008 Children's Mental Health Matters: Understanding Suicidal Risk
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
http://www.capitalhealth.ca/NewsAndEvents/ConferenceAndEvents/default.htm

November 13-14, 2008 Neuroethics Society, First Annual Meeting
Washington DC
http://web.memberclicks.com/mc/page.do?sitePageId=33808&orgId=ns

November 14-19, 2008 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting
Washington DC
www.sfn.org/

November 17th, 2008 Montreal Neuroethics Network in collaboration with the IRCM presents:
Mark Bernstein “Ethics in clinical research: Myth, mystery, or missing in action?”
11:30am-12:30pm IRCM Jacques-Genest Auditorium
Montreal, QC

December 5-9, 2008 2nd North American Epilepsy Congress
Seattle, Washington, USA
www.aesnet.org

Funded in part by the Québec government, amiquébec is one of the principal resources in Québec for families struggling to cope with mental illness. Hosting support programs, roundtable discussions, and public lectures, the amiquébec website also provides resource information for families and patients such as book and video suggestions. They also provide outreach opportunities to increase awareness about mental illness. Find out more at: http://www.amiquebec.org/index.html
Announcements-Annonces

Call for Papers & Posters
November 3, 2008 Abstract deadline
American Academy of Neurology
The AAN invites you to submit an abstract to the AAN's scientific program at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Seattle.
http://www.aan.com/

1 December 2008 Abstract deadline
VITAL POLITICS III
The Politics of the Life Sciences in an ‘Age of Biological Control’
16-19 September 2009
London School of Economics and Political Science
http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/BIOS/events/forthcoming_events.htm

March 1, 2008 Abstract deadline
Brain Matters: New Directions in Neuroethics
Conference Sept 24-26 2009 Halifax, NS Canada
Speakers include: David Healy (UK), Walter Glannon (CA) and James Bernat (US)
For more information: www.noveltechethics.ca

TRAMES: A Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences
Editor in Chief Urmas Sutrop has announced that Issue No. 4 of Trames 2010 will be devoted to neuroethics. The Special Issue will be edited by two Finnish scholars, Dr. Tuija Takala and Dr. Veikko Launis.

July 31, 2011 Abstract deadline
Neuroethics: The Monist will publish a Special Issue on Neuroethics in 2012.
Advisory Editor: Juha Räikkä (University of Turku)
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http://monist.buffalo.edu/callsforpapers.html#Neuroethics
Applications Are Now Being Accepted for the Cleveland Fellowship in Advanced Bioethics.

Highlights of the two-year, full-time academic program:

- A partnership between Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth Medical Center, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, and Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center
- Opportunity to obtain a Master of Arts degree in Bioethics from Case Western Reserve University
- Rich experience in clinical bioethics at Cleveland’s major hospital systems
- Development of research skills through a mentorship program

Applications will be considered from professionals with post-graduate degrees in medicine, philosophy, nursing, social work, religious studies or other fields related to the practice of clinical or academic bioethics. This program is a partnership among five premier institutions in Cleveland, ensuring our fellows access to broad resources in the field.

For application information, visit clevelandclinic.org/bioethics/fellowship
ARTICLES

The lesser of 2 evils: the ethics of placebo-controlled trials

Ethical obligations and the use of placebo controls

Deceiving the law

Pronouncing brain death: contemporary practice and safety of the apnea test

Cognition enhancers between treating and doping the mind

Professionalism in neurology: The role of law

Brain–computer interfaces in neurological rehabilitation
Daly JJ, Wolpaw JR. Lancet Neurology 2008; 7:1032-1043

Perception of pain in the minimally conscious state with PET activation: an observational study

Encephaloethics: a history of the ethics of the brain

Neuroimaging and disorders of consciousness: envisioning an ethical research agenda

Neuroethics and neuroimaging: moving toward transparency

Clinical and public translation of neuroimaging research in disorders of consciousness challenges current diagnostic and public understanding paradigms
Ethical issues in psychopharmacology of children and adolescents

Neuroethics and psychiatry

The coproduction of moral discourse in U.S. community psychiatry

Doing things differently: advantages and disadvantages of Web questionnaires

Privatizing health care is not the answer: lessons from the United States
Angell M. CMAJ 2008;179: 916-919.

Amygdala volume in major depressive disorder: a meta-analysis of magnetic resonance imaging studies

Do patients with schizophrenia receive state-of-the-art lung cancer therapy? A brief report

Children and antipsychotics
JAMA. 2008; 300:1876.

Stem cells: At home with neural stem cells

Sexual psychopathy, public policy, and the liberal state

Euthanasia: a summary of the law in England and Wales

The influence of prior record on moral judgment

The mental wealth of nations
Media use and children’s perceptions of societal threat and personal vulnerability

Attitudes towards mental disorders and psychiatric treatment – changes over time in a Swedish population

The influence of prior record on moral judgment

Whose life is it anyway? An exploration of five contemporary ethical issues that pertain to the psychiatric nursing care of the person who is suicidal: part two

Whose life is it anyway? An exploration of five contemporary ethical issues that pertain to the psychiatric nursing care of the person who is suicidal: part one

Duration of withdrawal of life support in the intensive care unit and association with family satisfaction

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Resources-Ressources

Neuroethics at the University of Pennsylvania
http://neuroethics.upenn.edu/

University of British Columbia, National Core for Neuroethics
www.neuroethics.ubc.ca

Canadian Neuroethics Network
http://www.neuroethics.ca

Neuroethics Society
http://www.neuroethicssociety.org/

Neuroethics Research Unit / L’Unité de recherche en neuroéthique
http://www.ircm.qc.ca/microsites/neuroethics/en/
http://www.ircm.qc.ca/microsites/neuroethics/fr/

Journal of Ethics in Mental Health
www.jemh.ca

Novel Techethics
www.noveltechethics.ca

Centre for Neurosciences, Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz
http://www.neuroethik.ifzn.uni-mainz.de/index.php?L=1

Neuroethics at the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics
http://neuroethics.stanford.edu/

If you would like to post any events, letters, articles or news of interest please contact us at neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca

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