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**Upcoming Center Meetings**

A combined meeting of the Center's Community Affairs and Education Committees will be held on Monday, January 8 at 4 PM, in the ECMC Staff Dining Room . This will provide an opportunity to plan educational programs which will meet the needs of member institutions. All Center members are welcome, even if not previously identified with either committee. For further information, contact Jack Freer JFreer@ubmedb.buffalo.edu or at 887-4852.

**Center Reading Group**

The Center has established a second reading and research group (beyond the "Health Care Policy Group"), the purpose of which is to discuss in- progress publications and encourage new publications amd allied research activities. The first work to be discussed is Stephen Wear's book *Informed Consent: Patient Autonomy and Physician Beneficence Within Clinical Medicine*. The book, published by Kluwer Academic Publishers in 1993, will be going into its second edition, and Wear is interested in receiving comments and suggestions. The next two meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 19th and Wednesday, January 10th at 4 PM, at the Center for Inquiry, 1310 Sweet Home Road, between Maple and Rensch Roads in Amherst. Look for the twin red-and-white gates. If you plan to attend, please contact Chuck Jack jackubphil@aol.com at 862-3412. He will send you a copy of the first six chapters. Also let him know if you are interested in attending future reading group meetings.

**Upcoming Lectures**

"How to Handle Tough Teens Issues in Adolescent Health." Thursday, December 7, 6:00 - 9:30 PM. Sponsored by Independent Health. To be held at the University Inn. Registration is required - non-participating providers, $45.00, IPA providers, $35.00, residents $20.00, Nurse Practioners $20.00. For information, contact Madonna Fox at 832-5195.

"Complicated Grief." Friday, December 8, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Presenter: Therese A. Rando, PhD. Dr. Rando is founder and executive director for the Institute for the Study and Treatment of Loss. She is author of \_Treatment of Complicated Mourning\_, \_How To Go On Living When Someone You Loves Dies\_, and \_Grief, Dying and Death: Clinical Interventions for Caregivers\_. Hospice Mitchell Campus Education Center, 225 Como Park Boulevard. Registration: $85.00. To register call Life Transitions Center & Hospice Bereavement Services: 836-6460.

"Research Forum - Practice Guidelines: A Study of Factors Affecting Physician Adherence." Thursday, December 14, 7:30 AM. Presenter: Paul James, MD. Faculty Development Workshop - sponsored by the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, through the Department of Family Medicine. To be held at the Erie County Medical Center, Family Medicine Modular Complex conference room. Contact Heather Hebeler at 898-4743 for further information.

"Multicultural Perspectives on Death and Dying." Friday, December 15, 9:00 AM. Presenter: Bob Fink, M.Div. HIV Grand Rounds - sponsored by the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, through the Immunodeficiency Services and Life Transitions Center, an affiliate of Hospice of Buffalo, Inc. Held at Erie County Medical Center, Smith auditorium (3rd floor). This program has been approved for 1.0 hour of AMA/PRA Category 1 credit. For further information, contact Lori Berds at 898-4119.

"Living With Loss, Healing With Hope, Surviving the Inevitable Crisis of Life." Thursday, January 18, 7:00 PM. Presenter: Dr. Earl A. Grollman, Oklahoma City crisis counselor. Temple Beth Am, 4660 Sheridan Drive, Amherst.

**International Symposium**

Buffalo has been selected as the site of the Fifth Basic Scientific Symposium of the International Transplant Society, to be held in 1997. The announcement was made by the Ernest Witebsky Center for Immunology at UB and the Greater Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau. Members of the Society, representatives of top scholars in the field of transplant science, selected Buffalo over bids from other scientific communities including Harvard Medical School, Universiy of New South Wales and Inselpital Bern in Switzerland, among others. The society, which has several Nobel Prize winners as founding and general members, holds its bi-annual symposium in alternating Old and New World sites. Basab K. Mookerjee, UB professor of medicine and chair of the organizing committee, secured the symposium, along with Roger Cunningham, director of the Witebsky Center. Mookerjee noted that the symposium will be dedicated to the research interests of Felix Milgrom, UB Distinguished Professor of Microbiology. Milgrom has devoted more than 50 years of research to the study of the transplant science. The local organizing committee includes Mookerjee, Cunningham, C.J. Abeyounis, UB professor of microbiology; Boris Albini, UB professor of microbiology; and Jacob Bergsland, UB assistant professor of surgery and director of heart transplantation at the Buffalo General Hospital.

**Fall 1996 Sesquicentennial Conference**

A symposium on Ethics and Values in Medicine and the Biomedical Sciences will be held in conjunction with the UB School of Medicine and Biological Science's sesquicentennial, November 14-16, 1996. There are three main themes for the symposium:
1.) The Human Genome Project
2.) The Dilemma of Funding Health-Care: Technology, Resources, and Priorities
3.) The Physician-Patient Relationship.
There will also be a final session devoted to open-ended discussion of issues raised at previous sessions. Further information on the symposium will be given in upcoming *Bioethics Bulletins*.

**Seminar on Detachment and Engagement**

A highly interactive seminar with multi-disciplinary participants on the topic "Detachment and Engagement: Objectivity and Emotions in Clinical Practice" will be held July 27 - August 2, 1996 at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio. Faculty will address major conceptual issues and facilitate working groups. Readings will include selections from imaginative literature and scholarly investigations in philosophy and social sciences. Seminar faculty: Howard Brody, MD, PhD; Sandra Harding, PhD; Ellen More, PhD; Rosemary Tong, PhD. Enrollment will be limited. Application deadline: April 30, 1996. Costs including room and board: $950.00. For information, contact the Center for Literature, Medicine and the Health Care Professions, Mahan House, Hiram College, Hiram, OH 44234; phone 216-569-5380; fax 216-569-5449.

**Call for Papers**

The Midwest Bioethics Center invites applications for its fourth annual Clinical Ethics Institute for Nurses, to be held October 14-19 in Kansas City, MO. For information, contact Cecilia Stadler, Midwest Bioethics Center, 1100 Pennsylvania, Suite 4041, Kansas City, MO 64105; 816-221-1100; fax 816-221-2002.

Conference on Value Inquiry: Inherent and Instrumental Values. The 24th Conference on Value Inquiry will be held at D'Youville College, April 18-20, 1996. Broad participation is sought. Papers and abstracts of papers that address issues concerning inherent and instrumental values are welcome. Early submission is advised. Papers may be practically or theoretically oriented. Treatment of the topic may be disciplinary and address arguments within a single field of value inquiry such as ethics, law, politics, aesthetics, health care, business, or education. Papers may also be interdisciplinary and examine inherent and instrumental values from two or more fields of inquiry. A selection of papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication. Contact: John Abbarno, Coordinator, 24th Conference on Value Inquiry, Dept. of Philosophy, D'Youville College, 320 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, New York, 14201. Telephone: 716-881-3200, extension 6540. Fax: 716-881- 7760.

The Society for Health and Human Values invites papers of no more than 12 pages for its 1996 Spring Meeting, "Stories and Their Limits: Putting The Ethics Into Narrative Ethics," to be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 11-13, 1996. Submissions deadline: January 15. For information, contact Hilde L. Nelson, Center for Applied and Professional Ethics, 801 McClung Tower, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996; or call 615-974-3255.

The Society for Medical Decision Making 18th Annual Scientific Meeting - October 13-16, 1996 at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, Ontario. This meeting is an opportunity for a diverse and international audience of scholars to present and critique original research investigating the many facets of medical decision making. Topics include: decision analysis, diagnostic test evaluation, the psychology of medical decision making, cost-effectiveness, meta analysis, utility theory and outcomes measurement; a symposium examining key issues in the transfer of decision research into practice; and more. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be May 1996. For further information, contact the program chairs: Hilary A. Llewellyn-Thomas, PhD, Clinical Epidemiology Unit, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, 2075 Bayview Avenue, North York, Ontario, Canada M4N 3M5. Telephone 416-480-6190; fax 416-480-6048; e-mail hlt@ices.on.ca; or Annette M. O'Connor, PhD, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ottawa, 451 Smyth Road, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1H 8M5. Telephone 613-562-5800, ext. 8297; fax 613-562-5439; e-mail: amona@acadvml.uottawa.ca.

**Organ Shortage in Western New York**

The following information was received from Upstate New York Transplant Services, Inc. (UNYTS): Due to the organ shortage in Western New York, 144 patients are currently waiting for organs at area hospitals. This includes: 102 waiting for kidney; 23 waiting for heart; 14 waiting for lung; 4 waiting for kidney/pancreas; 1 waiting for pancreas. To date, in 1995 UNYTS has had 28 organ donors, a significant increase from this time last year (in 1994 UNYTS had 18 donors for the year). UNYTS is a non-profit organization authorized by the federal government to accept anatomical gifts for transplantation and/or medical research. UNYTS coordinates all organ, tissue and eye donation in the eight counties of Western New York, resulting in the transplant of patients nationally and at four local hospitals: Buffalo General Hospital, Children's Hospital, V.A. Medical Center and Erie County Medical Center. In 1994, these institutions jointly performed the following transplants: 24 kidney and 7 heart. In addition, 202 individuals provided bone, skin, heart valves, corneas and saphenous veins for life-saving, life- enhancing procedures that together benefited over 900 people in our community. If you would like further information on UNYTS, call Bridget Llewellyn, Community Relations Manager, at 853-6667, or write to her at 165 Genesee Street, Suite 102, Buffalo, New York 14203.

**Comments and Suggestions**

Your comments and suggestions regarding this newsletter are encouraged. Please send them to the Center address, or by e-mail to the newsletter editor, Tim Madigan timmadigan@aol.com. We also need information on upcoming events that would be of interest to Center members. The deadline for the next newsletter is December 15th.