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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The records in this collection consist of documents, correspondence, publications, and other materials created by the Office of Ethics between 1977 and 2000.

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Scope and Content: The Office of Ethics records span from 1977 to 2000 and include policy documents, correspondence, meeting minutes, audio/visual materials, and publications.

Series and Subseries in the Collection: The collection is arranged in nine series, four of which are further arranged in subseries. The series are as follows:

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- Folder 2: January – December 1986, Vol. 2, No. 1-6
- Folder 3: March – December 1988. Vol. 4, No. 2-6
- Folder 4: January – September 1989, Vol. 5, No. 1-5
- Folder 4A: January – December 1990, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2, 4-6
- Folder 4B: January – December 1991, Vol. 7, No. 1, 4-6
- Folder 4C: January – October 1992, Vol. 8, No. 1-5

Subseries 2: Medical Ethics Advisor

- Folder 5: Pamphlet and correspondence, 1985
- Folder 6: Medical Ethics Advisor: February – June, 1985, Volume 1, No. 1-5
- Folder 7: Medical Ethics Advisor: July – December, 1985, Volume 1, No. 6-11
- Folder 8: Medical Ethics Advisor: January – May 1986, Volume 2, No. 1-5

Folder 9: Medical Ethics Advisor: June – December 1986, Volume 2, No. 6-12

Folder 10: Medical Ethics Advisor: January – June 1987, Volume 3, No. 1-6

Subseries 3: Values Newsletter

Folder 10A: Fall 1993, Vol. 1, No. 1

Subseries 4: Journals

Folder 11: American Journal of Ethics and Medicine: Fall 1998, Volume 6, Issue 1

Folder 12: Journal of Genetic Counseling: August, 2000

Folder 12A: Second Opinion: Volume 17, No. 3, January 1992

Folder 13: Western New England Law Review: 1999, Volume 21, Issue 1

Folder 14: Article: Medical Directive: 1989

Folder 15: Articles: 1990-2001

Subseries 5: IRB: A Review of Human Subjects Research

Folder 16: January – June 1985, Volume 17, Nos. 1-3

Folder 17: July 1991 – December 1992, Volume 13, Nos. 4-5; Volume 14, Nos. 1, 3-6

Folder 18: January 1993 – December 1994, Volume 15, Nos. 1-3; Volume 16, Nos. 5-6

Subseries 6: Reports, Manuals

Folder 19: ACME-Tri Report: Educating Medical Students: 1992

Folder 20: Human Research Report: 1991

Folder 21: Child Sexual Abuse: An Interdisciplinary Professional Reference Manual: 1993

Subseries 7: Catalogs, Directories, Compendia

Folder 22: Media Catalogs, Newsletter: 1994

Folder 23: Film & Video Catalog: UCLA Instructional Media Library: 1986-1988

Folder 24: International Directory of Bioethics Organizations: 1993

Folder 25: Compendium of American Nurses Association Position Statements: 1996

Subseries 8: Booklets

Folder 26: Report of the Massachusetts Task Force on Organ Transplantation, 1984

Folder 27: "First Do No Harm" Issues in Medical Ethics, 1992

Folder 28: Resources: Ethics Block, 1996

Series 2. Policies and Procedures

Subseries 1: University of Massachusetts Medical Center Policies and Procedures

Folder 29: Hospital Deaths – Autopsies and Death Certificates, Cerebral Deaths: 1980 – 1981

Folder 30: Policy to Obtain Court Orders

Folder 31: Policy on Observation of Surgery, 1983, 1984

Folder 32: Patient Leave of Absence: 1983

Folder 33: Policy Regarding Withholding or Discontinuing Specific Treatment

Folder 34: Do Not Resuscitate Orders: 1985, 1987

Folder 35: Development, Approval, Control, and Distribution of Interdepartmental Policies and Procedures: 1983

Folder 36: Emergency Department Communications: 1983, 1984

Folder 37: Policies/Procedures Revisions: 1992

Folder 38: Abortion: 1990

Folder 39: Advanced Directives: 1988-1990

Folder 40: Refusal of Blood Transfusions: 1991

Folder 41: Do Not Resuscitate: 1990

Folder 42: Review: Cadaveric Organ & Tissue Donations: 1990

Folder 43: Review: Refusal of Treatment for Child: 1982

Folder 44: HIV: 1986 – 1990

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Folder 1: A – B: 1996 – 1998

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Folder 4: M – R: 1996 – 1998

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Folder 6: Various: 1982 – 1989

Folder 7: Various: 1982 – 1987

Folder 8: Consent & Cerebral Death: 1981; 1986

Folder: 9: Withholding Treatment: 1981 – 1986

Folder 10: Do Not Resuscitate: 1979 – 1989

Folder 11: Forms: 1983

Folder 12: Strategic Plan: 1983

Subseries 2: Consent Policies and Forms, 1980 -1990

Folder 13: Memorandums, 1980-1988

Folder 14: UMass Medical Center: Amended Consent Policies, 1982

Folder 15: UMass Medical Center: Consent Policies: 1982-1983

Folder 16: Beth Israel Hospital

Folder 17: Brigham/Women's Hospital

Folder 18: Children's Hospital

Folder 19: Dana Farber

- Folder 20: Emerson Hospital
- Folder 21: Harvard Community Health Plan (HCHP)
- Folder 22: Lahey Clinic
- Folder 23: Leonard Morse Hospital
- Folder 24: Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)
- Folder 25: Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary
- Folder 26: Memorial Hospital (Worcester)
- Folder 27: Mount Auburn Hospital
- Folder 28: New England Deaconess Hospital
- Folder 29: North Shore University Hospital
- Folder 30: Saint Vincent Hospital
- Folder 31: Spaulding Hospital
- Folder 32: Incompetent Adult, Minors: 1982
- Folder 33: Abortions: 1982
- Folder 34: Sterilization: 1982
- Folder 35: Anesthesia: 1990
- Folder 36: Consent to Release/Use Medical Information and Authorization to Pay Insurance Benefits
- Folder 37: Treatment Policies Pre-1996: 1982, 1992-1996
- Folder 38: Forms: Undated

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- Folder 40: Meetings, Correspondence: 1980-1987

Subseries 2. Treatment Issues Task Force

- Folder 41: Member Directory, Correspondence: 1982-1984
- Folder 42: Do Not Resuscitate Policy: Resources: 1978-1983
- Folder 43: Do Not Resuscitate Policy: Resources: 1980, 1985
- Folder 44: Correspondence, Meetings, Policies: 1979-1980
- Folder 45: Correspondence, Meetings, Policies: March-June 1981
- Folder 46: Correspondence, Meetings, Policies: July 1981-August 1982
- Folder 47: Consent: Resources: 1984
- Folder 48: Do Not Resuscitate Policy: 1984-1986

Folder 49: Do Not Resuscitate Policy: January 1986

Folder 50: Withholding Treatment/Nutrition: 1983-1984: *Access Restricted*

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Folder 11: Consent: September 1982

Folder 12: Consent: October, December 1982

Folder 13: Consent: January – June 1983

Folder 14: Consent: July – October 1983

Subseries 3: Treatment Issues Committee

Folder 15: Charge, Member Directory: 1985, 1988

Folder 16: Room Reservation Requests: 1987-1988

Folder 17: Resources: 1983-1985

Folder 18: Resources: 1984-1985

Folder 19: Resources: 1985-1988

Folder 20: Resources: 1985

Folder 21: Resources: 1985

Folder 22: Organ/Tissue Donations: 1986-1987

Folder 23: Organ/Tissue Donations: 1987

Folder 24: Organ/Tissue Donations: 1987

Folder 25: Organ/Tissue Donations: 1987: *Access Restricted*

Folder 26: Meetings: October-December 1984

Folder 27: Meetings: January-March 1985

Folder 28: Meetings: April 1985

Folder 29: Meetings: May 1985

Folder 30: Meetings: June-July 1985

- Folder 31: Do Not Resuscitate Policy: July 1985
- Folder 32: Do Not Resuscitate Policy: July – December 1985
- Folder 33: Meetings: August 1985
- Folder 34: Meetings: September-October 1985

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- Folder 1: Meetings: November-December 1985
- Folder 2: Meetings: December 1985
- Folder 3: Correspondence, Policies, Resources: January 1986
- Folder 4: Correspondence, Meetings, Policies, Case Study: February 1986: *Access Restricted*
- Folder 5: Correspondence, Meetings, Resources: March 1986
- Folder 6: Correspondence, Meetings, Resources: April – July 1986
- Folder 7: Correspondence, Meetings, Policies: June-August 1986
- Folder 8: Correspondence, Meetings, Resources: September 1986
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Folder 11: Advanced Directives/Living Wills: 1988, 1989

Folder 12: Consent Form: 1989

Folder 13: Durable Power of Attorney

Folder 14: Health Care Proxies: 1989

Folder 15: Consultation: 1989

Folder 16: Meeting Notes, Policies, Articles: 1991-1993

Folder 17: Correspondence, News Clipping: 1987-1993

Folder 18: Membership Correspondence: 1993-1994

Folder 19: Against Medical Advice, Jehovah's Witnesses: 1990, 1993-1994

Folder 20: Charge: 1992-1993

Folder 21: UMass Medical Center By-Laws: 1993

Folder 22: Consultation Sub-Committee: 1993

Folder 23: Policy Integration Sub-Committee: 1993-1994

Folder 24: Ethics Rounds Sub-Committee: 1993-1994

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Folder 26: Community Education Sub-Committee: 1993-1994

Folder 27: Consent Sub-Committee: 1989

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Subseries 5: Hospital Based Ethics Committee

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Folder 11: Correspondence: 1983

Folder 12: Correspondence, Resources: 1983

Folder 13: Resources: 1983

Folder 14: Correspondence, Resources: 1983-1984

Folder 15: Report: 1983

Series 4: Baby Doe

Folder 16: Policies & Procedures: 1982

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Folder 19: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists: 1983

Folder 20: Regulations Articles: 1983

Folder 21: Ethics Newsletter: 1983

Folder 22: Correspondence: December 1983

Folder 23: Government Activities Report: January 1984

Folder 24: Articles, Correspondence: 1984

Folder 25: Newsletters: 1984

Folder 26: Correspondence, Policies

- Folder 27: Correspondence, Meetings: April 1984
- Folder 28: Subcommittee Members: 1984
- Folder 29: Newsletters: June 1984
- Folder 30: Newsletters, Correspondence: July 1984
- Folder 31: Correspondence, Articles, Clippings: August 1984
- Folder 32: Newsletters, Clippings, Correspondence: September – November 1984
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- Folder 38: Hospital Emergencies: 1983 – 1984
- Folder 39: Hospital Emergencies: 1984; 1990; various
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Series 6: Conferences, Meetings, Symposia, Courses

- Folder 43: Conference: Institutional Ethics Committees and Healthcare Decision Making: 1984
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- Folder 45: Symposium: Miracle Medicine at the Interface of Law, Technology, Finance, and Ethics: 1983

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- Folder 2: Annual Meeting: American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics: 1995
- Folder 3: Annual Meeting: American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics: 1995
- Folder 4: Annual Meeting: American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics: 1995
- Folder 5: Annual Meeting: American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics: 1995
- Folder 6: Conference/Annual Meeting: American Medical Association: 1990
- Folder 7: Conference/Annual Meeting: American Medical Association: 1990
- Folder 8: Conference/Annual Meeting: American Medical Association: 1990
- Folder 9: Conference: Children, Parents, Professionals, and the State: 1997
- Folder 10: Conference: Children, Parents, Professionals, and the State: 1997

Folder 11: Meetings: First Concurrent: American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics; Society for Health & Human Values; Society for Bioethics Consultation; American Association of Bioethics: 1994

Folder 12: Meetings: First Concurrent: American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics; Society for Health & Human Values; Society for Bioethics Consultation; American Association of Bioethics: 1994

Folder 13: Meetings: First Concurrent: American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics; Society for Health & Human Values; Society for Bioethics Consultation; American Association of Bioethics: 1994

Folder 14: Meeting: National Meeting on Legal, Ethical, and Institutional Issues in Pain Relief: Montefiore Medical Center: 1996

Folder 15: Meeting: National Meeting on Legal, Ethical, and Institutional Issues in Pain Relief: Montefiore Medical Center: 1996

Folder 16: Program: American Association of Critical Care Nurses: Helping People Make Care Decisions: 1995

Folder 17: Program: American Association of Critical Care Nurses: Discovering Your Beliefs About Healthcare Choices: 1997

Folder 18: Program: Dreams and Dilemmas: Parents and the Practice of Neonatal Care: 1998

Folder 19: Conference: Alcohol Induced Liver Disease: The Role of Liver Transplantation: 2000

Folder 20: Conference: Alcohol Induced Liver Disease: The Role of Liver Transplantation: 2000

Folder 21: Interclerkship: UMass Medical School: Substance Abuse: 2000

Folder 22: Conference: The Right to Die and National Health Reform: 1993

Folder 23: Conference: Advanced Directives: 1994

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Folder 31: Videotape Preview Policy: 1985

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Recording included in Series 9

Folder 33: Video Guide: Class of 1999 Show: Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow: *Recording included in Series 9*

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Tape 1. "Ritual of the Healing Wind" – American Indian Healing Ceremonies, May 11, 1997

Tape 2. Looking at Western Medicine from the Navajo Perspective – Melvin McCabe

Tape 3. Jamake Highwater, Part 1, May 16, 1978

Tape 4. Jamake Highwater, Part 2, May 16, 1978

Tape 5. Jamake Highwater, Part 2, May 16, 1978

Tape 6. Jamake Highwater, Part 2, May 16, 1978

Tape 7. Jamake Highwater, Part 2, May 16, 1978

Folder 2: Confronting the Crisis in End-of-Life Care, November 22, 1997: *Guide to recording housed in Series 8*

Tape 1: Introductions/Welcome

Introduction

Physician Assisted Suicide

Transforming the Culture of Death in America

Tape 2: Massachusetts EMS Comfort Care Program

Tape 3: Can State Laws or Regulations Improve EOL Care?

Tape 4: Difficult Problems in Pain Management

Tape 5: Providing Psychological and Emotional Comfort

Tape 6: Dignified Death

Rescuing a Dignified Death in the ICU Setting

Legal and Empirical Aspects

Socrates and Einstein

At the Hour of Death

Tape 7: Doctors and Patients in the Hour of Death

Tape 8: Providing Spiritual Comfort

Tape 9: Complimentary Treatment Modalities

Tape 10: When Suffering Persists

Subseries 2: Video

1. "Struggle Aids Patients Face" – Chronicle, WCVB-TV Boston, December 29, 1988

2. American Health Care Forum – Heart Disease (Year in the Life), February 16, 1990

3. "First, Do No Harm" – Amsa Ethics Conference, January 25, 1992

4. UMass Medical Center – Grand Rounds: Physician Assisted Suicide and Voluntary Euthanasia; Dan W. Brock, Ph.D.,

October 29, 1992

5. Gender & Communication in the Organization, Mary K. Badami, September 24, 1993
6. UMass Medical Center – Grand Rounds: Medical Futility, Fantasy and Clinical Reality, Joel E. Frader, M.D., November 17, 1994
7. UMass Medical Center – Grand Rounds: Futility Revisited, Case Based Ethics Discussion, Jan Johnson, RN, M.S., December 1, 1994
8. Medical Care for the Indigent and Ethical Imperative?, David Helfiker, M.D., November 9, 1995
9. UMass Medical Center – Grand Rounds: The Right Choice, D. Clive, December 7, 1995
10. UMass Medical Center – Grand Rounds: Treatment Issues Committee Ethics, How Far Do We Go?, December 5, 1996
11. UMass Medical Center – Grand Rounds: The Management Care Environment, Law and Ethics, Troy Brennan, M.D., April 10, 1997
12. UMass Medical Center – Grand Rounds, Howard Brody, October 16, 1997
13. Class of 1999 Show – “Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow”, Aaron Lazare, 1999: *Guide to video housed in Series 8*

Series 10: Books

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2. U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, *Life-Sustaining Technologies and the Elderly*, 1987.
3. Becker, Ernest, *The Denial of Death* 1973.
4. Pellegrino, Edmund D., Thomasma, David C., *The Virtues in Medical Practice*, 1993.
5. Garfield, Charles A., *Psychosocial Care of the Dying Patient*, 1978.
6. Reynolds, Richard and Stone, John, editors, *On Doctoring*, 1991.
7. Gyulay, Jo-Eileen, *The Dying Child*, 1978.
8. Majno, Guido, *The Healing Hand*, 1975. Housed in UMMS Authors Collection.
9. Harron, F., Burnside, J., Beauchamp, T., *Health and Human Values*, 1983.
10. Spiro, H., Curnen, M.J., Peschel, E., St. James, D., *Empathy and the Practice of Medicine*, 1993.
11. Hafemeister, Thomas L. and Hannaford, Paula L., *Resolving Disputes Over Life-Sustaining Treatment*, 1996.
12. New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, *When Others Must Choose: Deciding for Patients Without Capacity*, 1992.
13. New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, *When Death is Sought, Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia in the Medical Context*, 1994.

14. New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, *Fetal Extrauterine Survivability*, 1988.
15. Wolinsky, Howard and Brune, Tom, *The Serpent on the Staff*, 1994.