

# BIOETHICS SOCIETY OF UNC



## GET TO KNOW US!

In its first year as the first undergraduate student organization at UNC centering around bioethics, the Bioethics Society of UNC provides a space for students to consider complex bioethics issues and engage in conversations about how to better improve the field of bioethics and medical humanities. From gene editing to patient autonomy, students have the chance to learn about a variety of topics that will affect their future careers, and explore these topics through biweekly discussions. They are able to further explore topics by creating cases with the case committee and completing research projects!



Pod Members at Friendsgiving 2021!  
From left to right: Akankshya, Divya, Numair, Karina, Lindsay, Amy (Co-Exec), Shiv (Co-Exec), and Jessica

## CASE COMMITTEE

Team Lead: Lindsay

### Case Writing

Members write cases on topics of their choice, then the group edits each case using the following workflow:

1. Write case
2. Peer edit
3. Publish
4. Share with others

### Bioethics Bowl/ End of Year Ceremony

- Collaborative style competition aimed to engage UNC students in bioethical discussion
- Research group presentations
- Held on April 12th, 4 teams
- Cases Discussed: COVID-19 and organ donation, PDG and liberal eugenics



View case committee's published work!

## GENERAL BODY MEETINGS

Team Lead: Akankshya, Divya, Lindsay

- Held biweekly on Wednesdays 6-7pm over zoom (due to COVID)
- GBM's center on member-generated topics in the broader field of bioethics
- discussion focuses on introducing the topic through current events, recent news articles, or editorials
- Icebreakers were followed by breakout rooms of 3-5 people, where we spent 30-40 minutes having respectful, fruitful conversation about discussion topics and case studies!
  - breakout rooms led by officers, or selected club members for cases



### Topic List

- CRISPR/gene editing
- medical consent of children
- physician-assisted suicide/euthanasia
  - bio-happiness
- prenatal care/confidentiality
- in vitro fertilization

## RESEARCH GROUPS

- 3-5 members collaborate on a year long project in order to delve deeper into a topic in the realm of bioethics with the goal of reading primary and secondary literature in order to write a literature review.
- Topics for research groups focus:
  - Emergency medicine/triage
  - Ethics of stem cell therapies
  - Aging
  - The comprehensive definition of death



## COLLABORATIONS



- Guest Speaker: Dr. Douglas S. Diekema, MD, MPH from Seattle Children's Hospital (11/17/22, 6 pm)
  - Bioethics Consultation Service, Emergency Medicine
- Waste Disposal & Fighting Environmental Racism in NC (3/10/22, 7 pm)
  - Environmental Ethics Pod + Bioethics Society Collaboration Event
- Ethics in the Healthcare Professions (3/31/22, 5-6 pm)
  - UNC Center for Bioethics Collaboration Event
  - Guests: Hospital Ethics Committee and Clinical Ethics Discussion Group
- The Future of Meat (4/6/22, 6 pm)
  - Chapel Hill Alt Protein Project + Bioethics Society Collaboration Event

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Managed by Karina, Jessica, and Numair



Our Instagram



Our website

- We grew our Instagram from as little as 30 followers to 105 followers this year.
- Our website has information about our various ongoing projects, a space to submit forum posts, a collection of our written case studies, and an overview of the exec team.

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