“The Bioethics Department has developed into one of the main critical departments at SickKids as it continues to provide support for some of the most challenging clinical and institutional cases we face. It is fair to say that without their constructive and professional support many of these challenges would be even more difficult to deal with.”

- Ronald Cohn, Paediatrician-in-Chief, Paediatrics
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Thank you for taking the time to read the 2016-2017 biennial report for the Department of Bioethics, at The Hospital for Sick Children. It is an honour and a pleasure to serve as the Director of such a unique and productive department. The impact of the Bioethics Department is linked to collaborations with talented individuals and teams from a wide range of disciplines across the Hospital, the University of Toronto, across Canada and internationally. The richness of these interconnections and disciplinary diversity equip the Department to engage the ethical challenges of our paediatric quaternary care institution.

During the 2016-2017 period we were thrilled to welcome outstanding additions to the Bioethics Department: James Anderson is a new staff bioethicist and Lauren Chad, Roxanne Kirsch and Kevin Weingarten are new medical bioethics associates.

I wish to highlight a few initiatives from this period. The Bioethics team, in collaboration with dedicated colleagues from across the Hospital, developed the Hospital’s Bioethics Advisory Committee. This highly engaged group with representation from across clinical, organizational, and research domains provides an advisory role to the Department in regards to ethically complex issues. Sample issues have included:

- discharge against medical advice
- medical assistance in dying
- requests for particular caregivers based on a range of characteristics that create ethical and legal vulnerabilities

With regards to research, the bioethics team was active on six grants, addressing issues that included:

- informed implementation of whole genome sequencing in paediatric care
- ethical issues in human milk banking
- transplantation issues for foreign nationals
- youth health rights and responsibilities
- improving capacity of children to make informed decisions about participation in research
- moral distress in nursing

In terms of scholarship, the Bioethics Department members published fifteen manuscripts and three book chapters on topics including:

- moral distress of social workers
- ethical and practical considerations in offering therapy
- prioritization of children in resource allocation
- ethics review of disaster research
- standard of care and social determinants of health
- ethical decision making at end-of-life
- the value of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in paediatric healthcare
- developing a bioethics curriculum for medical students from diverse geopolitical regions
- moral hazard
- parent perspectives on whole genome sequencing for their children
- family engagement in research
- paediatric care for newly immigrated families
- causes and process of end-of-life decisions
- enzyme replacement therapy in perinatal hypophosphatasia
- ethical considerations in offering congenital heart surgery
- public solicitation of anonymous organ donors
- organ donation after circulatory determination of death

During this period, I had the pleasure of being a keynote speaker at the Royal Children’s Hospital’s Ninth Annual National Paediatric Bioethics Conference at the Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne, Australia. The conference theme was of my previously edited book “Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues.”

Becky Greenberg led the development of an international book entitled “Ethical Issues in Pediatric Transplantation,” together with co-editors Aviva M. Goldberg and David Rodriguez-Arias. This is the first book dedicated to ethical issues in paediatric transplantation. It was published in the spring of 2016 with launches in Rotterdam and at The Hospital for Sick Children. The book has received very favourable reviews.

The Bioethics Department has been very active in educational activities. In 2016-2017 the team gave approximately one hundred and twenty-nine oral presentations - including those for the Canadian Paediatric Society, the Canadian Bioethics Society, the International Conference on Clinical Ethics Consultation as well as twenty-one poster presentations.
In-person educational sessions with front-line staff within the Hospital continue to be a priority and generally address the major consultation issues brought to the Department. In addition, the Bioethics team organizes capacity-building opportunities to keep staff up-to-date on current developments in the field. This is the focus of our monthly Bioethics Grand Rounds which feature a number of prominent speakers on important current topics. The Bioethics Grand Rounds are accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and attract an average of seventy plus attendees each month. In 2016-2017 the Department’s in-hospital education also included teaching approximately eighty in-service sessions.

The Bioethics Department hosts an annual Bioethics Week each November. In 2016 and 2017, there were several events at which we were unable to seat all attendees.

2016-2017 saw the Bioethics Department help address several ethically challenging issues through policies and guidelines. Members of the Bioethics Department are included in, or lead in the development and review of Hospital policies and guidelines that have ethics-related content. The Department took leadership roles in addressing issues related to caring for Jehovah Witness patients, consent to treatment, Bioethics Consultation, the hospital’s Ethics Framework, addressing values conflicts between patients and/or substitute decision makers and healthcare professionals, medical assistance in dying and discharge against medical advice.

The Bioethics Department consistently aims to serve the ethics-related needs of the hospital while engaging in paediatric bioethics work nationally and internationally. We continue to seek funding and organizational opportunities to allow the team to take full advantage of the unique environment the Department offers to train and launch the next generation of bioethicists with paediatric expertise for clinical, organizational, research ethics and global contexts. Situated in one of the most multicultural cities in the world, the Bioethics Department has been leading initiatives examining how best to understand and integrate cultural diversity in clinical care and research.

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The Bioethics team participated in a wide-variety of organizational committees, including the:

- Bioethics Advisory Committee
- Medical Advisory Committee
- Interprofessional Patient Care Committee
- Research Ethics Board
- Family Centred-Care Advisory Committee

It is with pride and awe that I look back on the accomplishments of this small department. I am also grateful for the rich collaboration with colleagues, families and trainees that enables outstanding impact.

Looking back enables us to learn and to be inspired to move ahead. I look forward to the multi-faceted ways in which the Bioethics Department at SickKids will be collaborating and taking leadership roles in addressing current and evolving ethical issues in paediatric healthcare.

Randi Zlotnik Shaul
THE SICKKIDS BIOETHICS DEPARTMENT

VISION
As leaders in paediatric bioethics, we partner locally and globally to promote ethical care of young people and families through the integration of ethics consultation, education, policy development, and research.

MISSION
The Bioethics Department at SickKids is committed to enabling children, families, colleagues and trainees to address ethical dilemmas inherent in the process of health care. Bioethicists are initiators, facilitators and catalysts for values clarification and ethics analysis in support of compassionate care for children and their families.

“In the most complex clinical or family situations bioethics brings the questions that open our minds to new discussions and better solutions. The value is immeasurable as you can’t know what might not have been explored without them.”

- Tara Tyson, Former Director, Risk Management
THE BIOETHICS TEAM

Randi Zlotnik Shaul
JD, LLM, PhD
Director, Department of Bioethics

Randi is the Director of the Bioethics Department. She is also a Senior Associate Scientist in the Child Health Evaluative Sciences. In this role, Randi provides bioethics consultation services and policy support, teaches health care professionals and bioethics students, and conducts bioethics research. Randi is an Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Toronto and is a member of the University’s Joint Centre for Bioethics.

Prior to studying bioethics, Randi practiced law at the Ontario Ministry of Health. She completed a degree in political science at McGill University, received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Osgoode Hall Law School and her Masters of Laws and PhD from the University of Toronto.

Randi’s current research focuses on paediatric healthcare challenges at the intersection of ethics and law. Randi’s scholarship is published in bioethics, medical, health policy and law journals.

Rebecca Greenberg
RN, PhD
Bioethicist, Department of Bioethics

Rebecca is a Bioethicist in the Department of Bioethics. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Paediatrics and a member of the Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto. Rebecca has a Bachelor of Arts (psychology) from the University of Manitoba, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a PhD (bioethics) from the University of Toronto. Rebecca completed an ethics internship at Baycrest Centre and a post-doctorate fellowship in Clinical and Organizational Ethics at the University of Toronto, Joint Centre for Bioethics.

Prior to working as a Bioethicist, Rebecca worked as a nurse in the area of general medicine. Her main research interests include transplant ethics, ethics education and priority setting.

James Anderson
MHA, PhD
Bioethicist

James is a Bioethicist in the Department of Bioethics, an Assistant Professor (status only) in the Institute for Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto and a member of the University’s Joint Centre for Bioethics. James completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Clinical and Organizational Ethics at the Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto in 2013.

Before entering the field of clinical ethics, James was a Senior Research Associate in the National Core for Neuroethics at the University of British Columbia. He was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Trent University and a Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Biomedical Ethics Unit at McGill University.

James holds a PhD in Philosophy (2007), a Master’s in Philosophy (2002) and a Master’s in Health Administration (2001) all from Dalhousie University, Halifax. He received his BA (Hons) in Philosophy from McGill University in 1998.

James research is currently focused on assent in paediatric research, the ethics of whole genome sequencing in paediatric care and the conceptual foundations of research ethics.

Parviz Manji
Administrative Assistant,
Department of Bioethics

Parviz Manji joined SickKids in July 2002. She was an administrative assistant for Medical Education in the Department of Paediatrics until joining the Department of Bioethics in 2004.

Parviz is a driving force behind preparations for Bioethics Grand Rounds, Bioethics Week and the Department’s volunteer studentships.
Bioethics Associates are clinicians who have committed to engagement with the Bioethics Department, have graduate training in bioethics and are financially supported by their home departments.

Jonathan Hellmann
MBBCh, FCP(SA), FRCP, MHSc
Bioethics Associate

Jonathan is a Senior Medical Bioethics Associate (S-MBA) in the Department of Bioethics and a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Toronto.

Jonathan has a Masters in Health Science in Bioethics from the University of Toronto, and is an Associate Member at the Institute of Medical Science Graduate Faculty in Toronto, Ontario.

Roxanne Kirsch
MD, MBE, FRCP, FAAP
Bioethics Associate

Roxanne is a Critical Care Medical Bioethics Associate (CC-MBA) in the Department of Bioethics. She is a staff cardiac intensivist in the Department of Critical Care Medicine, Division of Cardiac Critical Care.

Roxanne was on staff in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia prior to joining SickKids. She completed a Masters degree in Biomedical Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Roxanne’s academic work focuses on the ethical and social challenges of stopping advanced technologic therapies, end of life care and introduction of innovative therapies.

Kevin Weingarten
MD, MHSc, FRCP
Bioethics Associate

Kevin is a Medical Bioethics Associate (MBA). He is a Staff Physician on the Paediatric Advanced Care Team (PACT) and is also a Staff Physician in the Division of Haematology/Oncology at The Hospital for Sick Children.

After completing his residency in paediatrics, Kevin completed his fellowship in Paediatric Haematology/Oncology at SickKids and a fellowship in Paediatric Palliative Care at Boston Children’s Hospital.

Kevin received his Masters in Bioethics at the Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto.

Kevin is currently the Fellowship Director for Paediatric Palliative Care at The Hospital for Sick Children.

Lauren Chad
MDCM, MHSc, FRCP, FCCMG
Bioethics Associate

Lauren is a Genetics Medical Bioethics Associate (G-MBA). She joined the Department of Paediatrics in 2016. Lauren is a Staff Physician in both the Division of Clinical and Metabolic Genetics and the Division of Paediatric Medicine.

Lauren obtained her medical degree at McGill University, Montreal. She then moved to Toronto where she completed both her paediatric training followed by a fellowship in the Clinical Genetics Department at SickKids. Lauren then completed a Masters of Health Science in Bioethics at the University of Toronto.

Her academic work focuses on the intersection between genetics and ethics, particularly with respect to the implementation of new genetic technologies.

Lauren teaches students, residents and fellows as an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto.
Jonathan Hellmann retired from the Bioethics Department at The Hospital for Sick Children in December 2017. He was the Senior Medical Bioethics Associate in the Department from July 2012, after stepping down as the Clinical Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; a position he held for seventeen years. The role of Medical Bioethics Associate was created when Jonathan approached the then Hospital CEO, Mary Jo Haddad, and Dr. Denis Daneman, Chief of the Department of Paediatrics, to consider an appointment in the Bioethics Department. The role of a Medical Bioethics Associate (0.2FTE) was conceived to provide an integrated medical perspective to the activities of the Department.

Jonathan has a long-standing interest in bioethics. He became a member of the first SickKids Ethics Committee soon after starting here as a Staff Neonatologist in 1983. He later assumed the role of the Chair of the Committee in 1985. Jonathan was actively involved in the appointment of Dr. Abbyann Lynch and the creation of the SickKids’ Bioethics Department in 1991. The Department subsequently subsumed the work of the Ethics Committee.

Jonathan pursued his interest in bioethics, playing a significant role in teaching ethics at the undergraduate and graduate level from the late 1980s, completing his MHSc in Bioethics at the University of Toronto in 1996, and becoming a member and teaching faculty of the Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University where he directed a course on teaching bioethics for eleven years.

In his role as the Medical Bioethics Associate, Jonathan was involved in all the activities of the Department, from consultation, education, research and policy development to strategic brain storming, daily hallway discussions and problem-solving. He was active in the supervision of students and fellows and in many teaching activities including:

- the paediatric resident sessions (PERLS)
- bioethics orientation for nursing staff
- Nursing Acute Cardiology course
- International Student Emergency Department Annual Course (IPEME)
- subspecialty resident teaching

Jonathan coordinated a highly successful Bioethics Day as part of the Paediatric Update in 2015 and was a key member of the organizing committee of each year’s Bioethics Week. He was a frequent presenter at this annual ethics educational event.

He was active in supporting paediatric residents and other students in bioethics electives. Jonathan was instrumental in the development of the Bioethics Advisory Committee at the Hospital as a means of both extending the reach of bioethics throughout the institution and enhancing the work of the Bioethics Department itself.

Jonathan was nominated for the MSA Citizenship award in 2015 and shared the Department of Paediatrics Mentorship Award in 2016. He was a reviewer for a number of journals and Grand Challenges of Canada innovation applications and was a judge in the Annual American Paediatric Association Ethics Essay Competition. He was also active in the larger ethics community in Toronto and attended CORE sessions of the Joint Centre of Bioethics and other ethics-related initiatives.

Jonathan’s enthusiasm, engagement, experience and institutional knowledge and memory, as well as, scanning of the academic and lay media regarding ethical issues, made the Bioethics team appreciate his thoughts, opinion, counsel and wisdom on many matters both quotidian and profound. The richness and depth of interdisciplinary discourse on bioethical issues where nursing, law, philosophy and medicine interact has created a wonderful, respectful, and oftentimes challenging thinking and working environment for the daily functioning of the Department and beyond. We have appreciated the enormous benefit of a Medical Bioethics Associate and are aiming to continue Jonathan’s role with the appointment of Kevin Weingarten. We have also expanded the concept with the joint bioethics associate appointments of Roxanne Kirsch (cardiac critical care) and Lauren Chad (genetics), as we strive to serve the needs of our patients, staff and trainees.

Marking his retirement, The Bioethics Department named an annual poster competition in honour of his valued contributions to paediatric bioethics. The Jonathan Hellmann Bioethics Week Best Poster Award will go to the best poster where a trainee is first author. It will be based on analysis, clarity of language, and creative dissemination - with extra points allotted where a reference is made to the New York Times newspaper!
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2016-2017

The Bioethics Department’s four activity pillars are:

1. Consultation
2. Education
3. Research
4. Policy

Clinical ethics is a practical discipline that addresses issues that arise in or impact directly on patient care. Any individual may request a consultation; this may be a one-time conversation or it may involve in-depth exploration and long-term strategy development to address the issue(s). Consultation is available for individuals or groups; requests can be made verbally, through email or via telephone.

The objective in a usual clinical consultation is to:

· define the values underlying choices
· ensure that the relevant voices are involved in the process
· ensure that a fair process is undertaken
· elucidate the ethical defensibility and vulnerability of each option

Numerous ethical dimensions also arise in the administrative functioning of the Hospital. Approximately a third of bioethics consultations relate to the management or prevention of ethical issues at a systems level.

The following chart is an alphabetized list of consultation topics encountered in 2016-2017. These do not adequately reflect the complexity of individual cases concerning which the Bioethics Department was consulted; more often than not themes overlap. Topics are categorized under the primary ethical issue with some examples given.

The team looks for trends in consultation themes and develops relevant educational and policy-related material and initiatives to help equip teams to address these issues proactively.
| Consultation Themes | | |
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| **ACCESS TO CARE**  | • Is queue jumping ever ethically defensible? What ethical principles need to be considered? |
|                     | • What are the ethical considerations related to access to high cost medication when efficacy is uncertain? |
| **ADOLESCENTS**     | • What ethical issues emerge when adolescents are not following the treatment plan? |
|                     | • When can adolescents be seen clinically, independently? |
|                     | • Significance of previously expressed wishes when capable patients are less than sixteen years old |
| **BEST INTERESTS**  | • How to proceed when the substitute decision maker(s) disagree with healthcare provider(s) regarding the best interests of the child |
|                     | • How to provide child and family-centred care when the substitute decision maker(s) disagree regarding what is in the best interests of the child |
|                     | • Understanding child and family-centred care when the substitute decision maker(s) disagree with the patient |
|                     | • The relationship between best interests and legality or policy entrenched rights (i.e., UN Convention on the Rights of the Child) |
|                     | • How much risk can a procedure have and still be considered in the patient’s best interests? |
| **BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION** | • What ethical issues arise when the bone marrow donor is a child? |
|                     | • What ethical issues arise when the donor recipient is a child? |
| **CAPACITY**        | • Substitute decision maker(s) disagreement with the ethical/legal framework of no age of consent |
|                     | • What are the ethical issues associated with the use of restraints for patient with fluctuating capacity? |
| **CAREGIVER PREFERENCE** | • What are the ethical issues associated with a child’s or the family’s requests to have/not have healthcare providers with characteristics not required for standard care, e.g., gender, sex, race, religion? |
| **CHILD AND FAMILY-CENTERED CARE** | • Ethical challenges when family-centred care is interpreted as requiring staff to provide whatever families request/demand, even if inconsistent with what staff considers to be best interests of the child |
|                     | • Misinterpreting FCC as care by the family |
|                     | • FCC vs. family “directed” care |
|                     | • The meaning of reasonable accommodation (i.e., guidelines, policies, professional statements, case law, etc.) |
| **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** | • Significance of a no CPR form for children in schools |
| **COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES** | • When is respect for parents’ wishes regarding alternative therapies considered an endorsement of decisions that are not in the patient’s best interests |
| **CONFIDENTIALITY** | • What ethical issues need to be considered when the substitute decision maker is upset that they are not getting access to the patient’s records? |
| **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** | • What are the ethical issues associated with receiving gifts from patients, families and pharmaceutical companies? |
|                     | • What ethical issues should be considered when asked to provide hospital tours to financial donors? |
| **CONSENT TO TREATMENT** | • What are the ethical considerations when the substitute decision maker(s) disagree? |
|                     | • How to provide child and family-centred care when the substitute decision maker(s) disagrees with the patient |
|                     | • What are the ethical issues associated with sterilization of mentally challenged patients? |
|                     | • How to navigate different perspectives on futility |
|                     | • How to obtain valid consent where risks and benefits are uncertain |
|                     | • How much information needs to be given to a family for consent to be valid? |
|                     | • Family’s refusal of an interpreter when the healthcare provider is concerned that the family does not understand sufficiently to provide a valid consent |
|                     | • Offer of treatment vs. making recommendation |
| **CULTURE**         | • What weight should be given to cultural or religious-grounded requests when assessing what is in the best interests of the child? |
|                     | • Cultural norms against having children know their diagnosis |
| DISCLOSURE | • What are the ethical issues regarding the disclosure of a diagnosis?  
• What are the ethical issues regarding the disclosure of an error when possible harm/no harm was done to the patient?  
• What are the ethical implications of disclosure of no-CPR to patient? |
| END OF LIFE | • Exploring the ethical considerations when the substitute decision maker(s) want to continue aggressive treatment and the healthcare team considers this not in the best interests of the patient or inconsistent with previously capable wishes of the patient  
• Exploring the ethical implications when the substitute decision maker(s) want to withdraw life sustaining treatment and the healthcare team considers this not in the best interest of the patient  
• What ethical issues are raised with the possible requests to have student learn procedures on a child after death (e.g., intubation)?  
• What ethical issues are raised by withdrawal of nutrition and hydration? |
| EXTERNAL INSTITUTIONS | • What are the ethical considerations of mandatory vaccination?  
• What are the ethical implications of queue jumping?  
• What are the ethical implications of introducing innovative procedures?  
• Jehovah Witness letter of understanding  
• How to apply ethical principles to priority setting during a pandemic  
• Identifying best practices for Bioethics Week, ethics debriefs, research methods and accountability framework for innovation  
• How to approach “shadow charts” regarding genetic information |
| GENETIC SYNDROMES | • What ethical principles underlie a disagreement regarding how compromised the expected quality of life needs to be to justify palliative care?  
• What ethical issues are associated with uncertainty? |
| GLOBAL ETHICS | • Moral distress of staff during or after work abroad  
• Ethics of global projects taken on by staff (clinical, educational and research)  
• Developing mission statements for global research work |
| ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION | • What ethical issues arise when donor is a child?  
• What ethical issues need to be considered with living related donors?  
• What are the ethical implications of solicitation of organs through social media?  
• Ethics of vascularized composite allotransplantation |
| ORGANIZATIONAL ETHICS | • What are the ethical issues associated with mandatory flu vaccine for staff?  
• How to understand distributive justice as it applies to patient amenities  
• What ethical issues/principles are associated with revenue generation?  
• What ethical issues relate to considering a duty to recontact when the results of a test given in the past or testimonies given as an expert witness in the past would be interpreted differently today?  
• How to differentiate between innovation and research  
• What ethical principles inform priority setting during a pandemic?  
• What are the ethical implications of placing restrictions on the type of art to be displayed in the Hospital?  
• What ethical principles underlie institutional commitment to address moral distress?  
• What ethical principles apply when balancing commitment to safety with risk associated with innovation? |
The Bioethics Department at The Hospital for Sick Children is, by any metric, the leading paediatric bioethics centre nationally and internationally. They provide leadership in education, policy development, research and clinical care. The members of the Department led by Dr. Randi Zlotnik Shaul are justly recognized for their inspiring and exemplary work. The Bioethics Department is a gem!

- Ross Upshur, Physician Researcher, former Director University of Toronto, Joint Centre for Bioethics

| Preserving Reproductive Opportunity | • Is organizational infrastructure required for this?  
| • What are the ethical issues related to collecting sperm samples from patients in a paediatric setting?  
| • How to address heteronormative bias in clinical settings? |
| Professionalism | • What ethical considerations apply when physicians take on the role of lobbyist vs. advocate?  
| • Complex interprofessional team power dynamics |
| Research Ethics | • Authorship for interdisciplinary teams with different publication norms  
| • Capacity to consent to research vs. clinical care  
| • The difference between assent in research vs. clinical care?  
| • The meaning of research integrity? |
| Social Determinants of Health | • How should SDOH be factored into the plan of care. What if it would require less than standard of care? |
| Social Media | • What ethical principles can guide the role of the organization when families share inaccurate information about SickKids or Hospital staff on social media? |
| Substitute Decision Making | • Fair consequences for not following through on plan of care  
| • What ethical issues need to be considered when considering calling CAS?  
| • Questions regarding the substitute decision maker’s capacity  
| • How to respond to demands for discussion that require more Hospital staff time than is possible to accommodate |
| Support | • Best practices for ethic debriefs  
| • Ethics M&Ms  
| • Care and reflective ethics dialogue |
EDUCATION

The Department of Bioethics is committed to providing the best possible training in paediatric bioethics. The Bioethics Department provides a wide range of educational services including: in-services; presentations on specific topics; monthly hospital-wide Bioethics Grand Rounds; Annual Bioethics Week; symposia; and more.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) requires that bioethics be included in the education and training of physicians in the programs for which it provides accreditation. The Bioethics Department team works with many divisions within SickKids to assist in meeting trainee RCPSC bioethics requirements. These sessions are almost always co-planned and presented with Hospital staff physicians, fellows and/or residents.

In addition to our regular teaching activities within SickKids, Bioethics Department staff engage in teaching, supervision and committee work at the University of Toronto as appointed faculty, lecturers and members of the Joint Centre for Bioethics (JCB).

BIOETHICS GRAND ROUNDS

Rounds are held monthly (except for July and August). These flagship monthly hospital-wide educational opportunities are interdisciplinary, attended by staff, trainees, patients, families, healthcare professionals from outside organizations and members of the public.

The Bioethics Grand Rounds topics are current issues of wide interest throughout the Hospital. The rounds are evaluated and physicians who attend may receive CME credits. The Bioethics Department team selects topics based on session evaluation suggestions, trends in consultation requests, issues highlighted as cutting edge in the bioethics literature and the advice of our interdisciplinary Bioethics Advisory Committee.

Presenters include individuals or teams from SickKids, experts from the Joint Centre for Bioethics, experts from the Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network Bioethics community, and external visiting practitioners and scholars. Presentations capture a wide range of ethical challenges from various disciplinary vantage points.

The Rounds are video-conferenced with Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab and archived for broader staff access. Advertising takes place through e-mails, on the Bioethics Department website and posted flyers.

The Bioethics Department acknowledges Parviz Manji for her excellent project coordination and support in the organization of the monthly rounds. The team would also like to acknowledge Frank Ferrari and Sam Mendolia for their audio-visual expertise and support.
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2016-2017 BIOETHICS GRAND ROUNDS EVALUATION RESULTS

Sample Comments:

• Wonderfully relevant summary of uncertainty and evidence. Thoughtful questions and good facilitation of the discussion (January 2016).
• Essential to hear and think about (March 2016).
• Very relevant topic impacts most employees of the hospital. Good balance of theory and practice with valuable take home messages. I really liked that we touched on consistency and appropriate language to use when dealing with those difficult conversations (April 2016).
• What a brilliant way to finish off the Bioethics Lecture series! Such a good way to get the point across and I’ll remember it forever (June 2016).

Sample Comments:

• Excellent and very articulate, honest/from the heart. Inspiring (February 2017).
• Well done, very valuable information that is relevant to clinical care and research (April 2017).
• Great talk! Wonderful case studies to emphasize relevant information to my practice (June 2017).
• Very interesting and engaging: specific to healthcare professionals, and provided a good level of expansion on the topic, allowing for insight into aspects of the subject that one normally wouldn’t have considered (September 2017).

“Our institution is known globally for state of the art medical care, training and research. Not surprisingly we often find ourselves in medically challenging situations, or in novel, complex circumstances. Navigating these situations without a strong bioethics focus is not only tricky, it is irresponsible. We are lucky at SickKids to have a strong Bioethics Department allowing us to continue to responsibly push boundaries in all aspects of healthcare.”

– Theo Moraes, Staff Respiriologist
Each summer the Bioethics Department welcomes 3-4 summer volunteers from a range of disciplines for a unique studentship experience. Students are immersed in the work of the Department of Bioethics and work on a supervised project. Project work is disseminated through a published commentary and/or an academic poster for the Bioethics Week poster display and the University of Toronto’s Joint Centre for Bioethics Research and Awards Day.

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<td>CADESKY, ADAM (2016)</td>
<td>Tel Aviv University, Sackler School of Medicine’s New York Program Supervisors: Randi Zlotnik Shaul and Jonathan Hellmann</td>
<td>Education Plan for the Bioethics Advisory Committee at SickKids Presented academic poster at the Joint Centre for Bioethics and SickKids Bioethics Week Recipient of Joint Centre for Bioethics Poster Award</td>
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VISITING PROFESSORS

JÜRG C. STREULI
MD, PhD
University Children’s Hospital, Zurich, Switzerland
University of Toronto, Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, Toronto
Consultant
Pediatric Palliative Care

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

SOPHY DOMBE (nursing), Israel

DANI GOLD (social work), Royal Children’s Melbourne, Australia

MELANIE JENSEN (medicine), Churchill Fellowship, Australia

NORIKO NAGAO (nursing) Kobe city, Japan

HONOURS AND AWARDS

June 2017 Student Competition Award. Sixth Annual Joint Centre for Bioethics Research and Awards. Developing an Education Plan for a Bioethics Advisory Committee at SickKids. Cadesky A., Zlotnik Shaul R., Hellmann J. and Williams A.


“I thoroughly enjoyed my time as a student in the Bioethics Department. I had the opportunity to work on challenging projects in collaboration with other professionals and experts, through which I improved my research and writing skills. I gained invaluable exposure to various projects in the Department and participated in organization-wide events, all of which enhanced my understanding of bioethical issues and will help me to develop a more comprehensive and considered lens for my future work.”

- Karen Ho, Summer Student, Department of Bioethics
Each November, the Bioethics Department organizes a week-long event to focus awareness on bioethical issues at SickKids. The week is planned with the assistance of an interdisciplinary committee of approximately twenty-five members from across the Hospital.

The Bioethics Department encourages professional groups and others to host events on bioethical issues pertinent to their work environment during the week. Recognizing the importance of bioethics to their practice, many divisions and departments have committed to doing this since the week’s inception in 2001. Highlights of Bioethics Week are the Annual Christine Harrison Lecture, and the week-long poster display, disseminating ethics work from across the hospital.
## 2016 BIOETHICS WEEK

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

#### SOCIAL WORK ROUNDS
**“The Gift that Keeps on Giving: Ethical Considerations for Hospital Staff as Distributors of Gifts”**
Marie Bomba, MSc, MBA; Director, Foundation Relations, The Hospital for Sick Children
Barbara Muskat, PhD, RSW; Director, Social Work, The Hospital for Sick Children
Kimberly O’Leary, MEd, CCLS, PPL; Professional Practice Lead, Child Life and Creative Arts Therapy, Child Life, The Hospital for Sick Children
Randi Zlotnik Shaul, JD, LLM, PhD; Director, Department of Bioethics, The Hospital for Sick Children

#### NURSING ROUNDS
**“Parking Passes, Hotels and Meals: What is the Scope of our Ethical Responsibilities?”**
Cathy Daniels, RN(EC), MS; Nursing Practitioner, Complex Care, The Hospital for Sick Children
Jessica Faust, MSW, RSW; Social Worker, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, The Hospital for Sick Children
Miriam Granger, MSW, RSW; Social Worker, Nephrology, The Hospital for Sick Children

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

#### INTERPROFESSIONAL ROUNDS
**“Like, Share, Tweet: Ethical Implications of Breaching Paediatric Privacy on Social Media”**
Ruby Rajendra Shanker, MBBS, MHSc; Bioethicist, Toronto General Hospital, University Health Network

#### RESEARCH ETHICS ROUNDS
**“Wait, which hat am I wearing? Ethical Challenges of Dual Accountabilities for Clinical-Researchers”**
Elizabeth Stephenson, MD, MSc; Chair, Research Ethics Board
Alison Williams, PhD; Bioethicist, Department of Bioethics, The Hospital for Sick Children

#### NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT ROUNDS
**“Novel Expensive Therapies for Neonates with Rare, Genetically Determined Diseases”**
Martin Offringa, MD, PhD; Staff Neonatologist, The Hospital for Sick Children (Session Moderator)
Zelia DaSilva, RRT, MSc; Clinical Director, Neonatology and Respiratory Services, The Hospital for Sick Children
Peter Kannu, MBchB, PhD, DCH, FRACP, HGSA; Geneticist, Clinical Metabolic Genetics, The Hospital for Sick Children
Randi Zlotnik Shaul, JD, LLM, PhD; Director, Department of Bioethics, The Hospital for Sick Children

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

#### CHRISTINE HARRISON LECTURE IN PAEDIATRIC BIOETHICS, PAEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS
**“From SickKids to the Senate (and back) – Paediatric Ethical Issues in Medical Assistance in Dying”**
Joel A. Kirsh, BASc, MSc, MD, MHCM, FRCP(C); Staff cardiologist, Head, Arrhythmia Service, The Hospital for Sick Children; President, CPSO

#### GASTROENTEROLOGY CLINICAL ROUNDS
**“Children’s Assent and Dissent in Clinical Care: Does ‘No’ Always Mean ‘No’?”**
Lauren Notini, MBioeth, PhD, Bioethics Fellow, Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto

#### PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE ACADEMIC ROUNDS
**“Should the Decision to Attempt CPR on a Child be Made by Parents or Staff? What Should Happen if they Disagree?”**
PACT Team and Friends

#### REHAB SERVICES ROUNDS
Dolly Menna-Dack, MHSc; Interim Vice-Chair, Research Ethics Board, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
Carly Mutch, OT Reg (Ont.), MSc; Occupational Therapist, Rehabilitation Services, The Hospital for Sick Children
Sandy Steinwender, OT Reg (Ont.) MSc; Occupational Therapist, Rehabilitation Services, The Hospital for Sick Children
## CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE ROUNDS

“Discontinuing Technologic Support in the Conscious Paediatric Patient”
Randi Zlotnik Shaul, JD, LLM, PhD; Director, Department of Bioethics, The Hospital for Sick Children (Session Moderator)
Peter Cox, MB, ChB, FRCPC(C), DCH (SA), FFARCS(UK); Associate Chief, Critical Care Unit, The Hospital for Sick Children
Daphne Jarvis, LLB, BA (Hons), BS; Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
Roxanne Kirsch, MD, MBE, FRCPC(C), FAAP; Staff Physician, Cardiac Critical Care Unit, The Hospital for Sick Children

## PSYCHOLOGY ROUNDS

“Controversies in the Psychology of Moral Decision Making: Evolution, Intuition or Deliberation?”
Carey DeMichelis, PhD Candidate, University of Toronto

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

### GENETIC ROUNDS

“Rachel’s 23 and Me Story - A Social and Ethical Analysis of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing”
Andrea Shugar, MS, CGC; Genetic Counsellor, Clinical and Metabolic Genetics, The Hospital for Sick Children
Lauren Chad, MDCM, MHSc, FRCP; Staff Physician, Clinical and Metabolic Genetics, The Hospital for Sick Children
Ronald Cohn, MD; Paediatrician-in-Chief, Paediatrics, The Hospital for Sick Children
Seema Jamal, MSc, CGC; Genetic Counsellor, Clinical and Metabolic Genetics, The Hospital for Sick Children
Rachel Katz, BA (Hons); Candidate in Philosophy and Biology, McMaster University

### EMERGENCY MEDICINE ROUNDS

“Preferential Access in the Emergency Department: Ethical Considerations”
Jonathan Hellmann, MBBCh, FRCP, MHSc; Bioethics Associate, Department of Bioethics, The Hospital for Sick Children
Dennis Scolnik, FRCP(C), DCH, MSc, MBChB; Staff Physician, Emergency Department, The Hospital for Sick Children

### PSYCHIATRY ROUNDS

“Culturally Based Equity for Children: A Cornerstone for Reconciliation”
Cindy Blackstock, PhD; Executive Director, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada; Assistant Professor, University of Alberta

### FILM SCREENING, OFFICE OF PATIENT AND FAMILY EXPERIENCE

“Like Father Like Son”
Karen Sappleton, MSEd, MSW, RSW; Senior Manager, Child and Family Centred Care and Health Equity, Hospital for Sick Children (Session Moderator)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

### PERI-OPERATIVE ROUNDS

“A Road Paved with Good Intentions: Ethics of Surgical Volunteerism”
Andrew Howard, MD, FRCSC, MSc; Orthopaedic Surgeon, Orthopaedic Surgery, The Hospital for Sick Children

### CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN CHILD AND FAMILY-CENTRED CARE

“Ethical Tensions and Limits to Family-Centred Care”
Lee Ann Chapman, BA, JD; Triage Lawyer, PBLO, Family Legal Health Program, The Hospital for Sick Children
Karima Karmali, RN, BScN, MBA; Director, Centre for Innovation & Excellence in Child and Family-Centred Care, The Hospital for Sick Children

### TRANSPLANT AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE CENTRE EDUCATION ROUNDS

“Should Willingness to Vaccinate be a Precondition for Solid Organ Transplantation?”
Upton Allen, MBBS, MSc, FAAP, FRCPC; Division Head, Infectious Diseases, The Hospital for Sick Children
Alison Williams, PhD; Bioethicist, Department of Bioethics, The Hospital for Sick Children
2016 BIOETHICS WEEK POSTERS

Bianchi A. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Considering the ethical permissibility of paediatric exceptionalism.”


De Michels C. “Jehovah’s Witness blood abstention and the shifting boundaries of multicultural accommodation.”

Dombe S., Barzilay B., Coton S. and Tabak N. “Israel Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Nurses’ Attitudes and Behavioral Intentions Towards Euthanasia.”

Ellis J. “Research Integrity Office (RIO) at SickKids: fostering a culture of responsible conduct of research across the organization.”


Hayeems R., Meyn M.S. and Monfared N. “Adolescent decision-making regarding secondary findings in whole genome sequencing.”

Hellmann J. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Preferential access to care: Ethical considerations and policy development at SickKids.”


Long K. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Fair innings, equality and children’s healthcare.”

Nathan S. “The best interest of the child: Examining legal decisions from the US, UK, Canada and Australia.”

O’Leary K., Klaiman P. and Karmali, K. “Talk to me: Communicating with patients.”

Sasson S., Zlotnik Shaul R., Hellmann J. and Williams A. “Paediatric pandemic planning: How a “one size fits all” model may not be the best fit for our children and their families.”

Schwartz Y., Zlotnik Shaul R., Williams T. and Hellmann J. “Reconciling capacity to consent with adolescent brain development.”

Taylor E. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Authorship credit attribution practices for biomedical publications: Problems with increasingly collaborative and interdisciplinary research.”


Williams A. “Ethical conflict, mistakes and wrongdoing: A restorative justice response.”

Williams C., Akhtar S. and Hellmann J. “Engaging the millennial learner in bioethics education: Are we up to the challenge?”
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<td>Timothy Caulfield, LLM, RSC, FCAHS; Canadian Research Chair, Health Law and Policy; Trudeau Professor, Faculty of Law and School of Public Health; Research Director, Health Law Institute, University of Alberta</td>
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<td>“Wading in the lake together: Reflections on medical assistance in dying”</td>
<td>Adam Rapoport, MD, FRCPC, MHSc; Medical Director, Paediatric Advance Care Team, Emily’s House Children’s Hospice</td>
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<td>Solomon Benatar, MBChB, DSc (Med), FRCR, FACP (Hon); Emeritus Professor of Medicine, University of Cape Town, Distinguished Senior Scholar, Dalla Lana School of Public Health</td>
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<td>“Privilege, oppression, and why it matters in rehabilitation with children and adolescents”</td>
<td>Tracy Blake, PT, PhD; Lecturer, Canadian Sport Institute Ontario and University Health Network, Toronto Western Hospital, Department of Physical Therapy, University of Toronto</td>
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<td>Stephanie Nixon, PT, PhD; Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, University of Toronto</td>
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## Critical Care-Medicine Rounds

“Resource allocation considerations from an ECMOlogist”
Roxanne Kirsch, MD, MBE; Staff Physician, Critical Care Unit, The Hospital for Sick Children
Peter Cox, MBChB, DCH, FFARCS (UK), FRCP (C); Associate Chief, Critical Care Medicine, The Hospital for Sick Children

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

### Genetic Rounds

“Treating genetic disorders: The changing landscape and uncharted territory”
Lauren Chad, MDCM, MHSc, FRCP, FCCMG; Staff Physician, Clinical and Metabolic Genetics, The Hospital for Sick Children
(Session Moderator)
Jennifer Boyd, RN, MNSc, CNN (C), MSCN; Clinical Nurse Specialist, Neurology, The Hospital for Sick Children
Robin Hayeems, PhD; Scientist-Track Investigator, Community Health Evaluative Services, The Hospital for Sick Children
Stacy Hewson, MSc, CGC, CGC; Genetic Counsellor, Clinical and Metabolic Genetics, The Hospital for Sick Children
Michal Inbar-Feigenberg, MD; Physician, Clinical and Metabolic Genetics, The Hospital for Sick Children
Wendy J. Ungar, MSc, PhD; Senior Scientist, Community Health Evaluative Services, The Hospital for Sick Children

### Emergency Medicine Rounds

“Discharge against medical advice: Important considerations to keep our patients and staff safe”
Olivia A. Ostrow, MD, FAAP; Medical Safety Leader, Physician, Emergency Medicine, The Hospital for Sick Children
Randi Zlotnik Shaul, JD, LLM, PhD; Director, Department of Bioethics, The Hospital for Sick Children

### Psychiatry Rounds

“Family navigation: Novel model for access to/transition through the mental health and addiction system”
Michael Calis, HBSc; ADMH Graduate Certificate, Mental Health and Addictions Family Navigator, Family Navigation Project, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Anthony Levitt, MD, MBBS, FRCPC; Chief, Brain Sciences Program, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Medical Director, Family Navigation Project, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

### Research Ethics Rounds

“Assessing capacity for consent to research in youth”
Arthy Sabapathy, MHS; Research Ethics Coordinator, The Hospital for Sick Children
Elizabeth Stephenson, MD; Staff Cardiologist, Electrophysiology and Epidemiology; Research Ethics Board Chair, The Hospital for Sick Children
Natalie Zizzo, MSc; Research Ethics Project Coordinator, The Hospital for Sick Children

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

### Transplant Rounds

“Deceased directed donation: Exploring the ethics from a Family-Centred Care Perspective”
Andria Bianchi, MA, PhD (c); Bioethicist, UHN
Becky Greenberg, RN, PhD; Bioethicist, Department of Bioethics, The Hospital for Sick Children

### The Centre for Innovation and Excellence in Child and Family-Centred Care Presented Movie

“We can’t make the same mistake twice” (focus on Indigenous healthcare)
Teyohate Brant, Graduated Patient Advisor, Mohawk Woman from Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory
Lee Ann Chapman, Lawyer, Family Legal Health Program, The Hospital for Sick Children
Andrea Evans, Physician, Emergency Medicine, The Hospital for Sick Children
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Bianchi A. and Greenberg R.A. “Deceased Directed Donation: Considering the Ethical Permissibility in a Multicultural Setting.”


Ellis J. “Research Integrity Office (RIO) at SickKids: Fostering a culture of responsible conduct of research across the organization.”

Hellmann J. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Multiculturalism and duty to accommodate: Are there limits?”


Katz R. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Role of the Paediatrician in Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing: Ethical Considerations.”

Kavanagh A., Ostrow O. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Discharge Against Medical Advice (DAMA): Policy Development to Promote Safety and Ethics”

Menna-Dack D. “Research Ethics and Ethics Education Framework for Youth Leaders.”

Morrison K. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Cooperation as a Feature of Shared Decision Making; A Conceptual Inquiry of Decisions in Relationships and Group.”

Notini L. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Ethical Issues Associated with Healthcare Professionals’ Attendance at Paediatric Patient Funerals.”

Scott McLaughlin V., DeMichelis C., Rapoport A. and Zlotnik Shaul R. “Introduction of a Policy Medical Assistance in Dying Requests at SickKids.”


Szego M., Anderson J., Hoang N., Szatmari P. and Scherer S. “Parent Perspectives on Whole Genome Sequencing for Autism Spectrum Disorder.”


TEACHING FACULTY

The Bioethics staff and associates are active in research, leading and collaborating on research grants, disseminating work at international and national conferences, and publishing in leading journals. During this reporting period, two staff members (Randi Zlotnik Shaul and Becky Greenberg) published edited books that have already become “must reads” in their respective fields.

## RESEARCH

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

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<td>&quot;Toward improving the capacity of children to make informed decisions about participation in research.&quot;</td>
<td>Source(s): Centre for Leadership in Participation and Inclusion, Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Research Institute. <strong>Principal Investigator:</strong> Ryan, S.; <strong>Co-Investigator(s):</strong> Anderson, J.</td>
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PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS


**BOOK CHAPTERS**


**BOOKS**


- The first book on pediatric transplantation ethics
- Explores new and emerging specific issues in the field of pediatric transplantation ethics
- Discusses the growing field of the intersection of ethics, pediatrics and transplantation

This book offers a theoretical and practical overview of the specific ethical and legal issues in pediatric organ transplantation. Written by a team of leading experts, Ethical Issues in Pediatric Organ Transplantation addresses those difficult ethical questions concerning clinical, organizational, legal and policy issues including donor, recipient and allocation issues. Challenging topics, including children as donors, donation after cardiac death, misattributed paternity, familial conflicts of interest, developmental disability as a listing criteria, small bowel transplant, and considerations in navigating the media are discussed. It serves as a fundamental handbook and resource for pediatricians, transplant health care professionals, trainees, graduate students, scholars, practitioners of bioethics and health policy makers.
# Presentations: International

**November 2017**  
“Palliative care in the Department of Neonatology: Clinical and ethical dilemmas.”  
Hellmann J. Jerusalem, Shaarei Zedek Medical Center, Israel.

**September 2017**  
“Patient and family-centered care: Is paediatric health care losing sight of the patient?”  
Zlotnik Shaul R. Ninth National Paediatric Bioethics Conference. Melbourne, Australia.

“Staff Attendance at patient funerals: Testing our intuitions about child and family-centered care.”  
Notini L. and Zlotnik Shaul R. Ninth National Paediatric Bioethics Conference. Melbourne, Australia.

**May 2017**  


“Building a palliative care service for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.” Hellmann J. Shaarei Tzedek Hospital, Jerusalem, Israel.

“Consent and capacity in paediatrics: Practice north of the border.”  

**July 2016**  
“Who we were, who we are, and who we wish to become: Professionalization of bioethics in Canada.”  

**May 2016**  

**April 2016**  


**January 2016**  
“Effect of prognosis on decisions in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.” Hellmann J. Shaarei Tzedek Hospital, Jerusalem, Israel.

“Ethical issues in neonatology.” Hellmann J. Neonatal Rounds. Soroka Medical Center, Beersheba, Israel.


# Presentations: National

**September 2017**  
“Transplantation for Foreign Nationals in Canada: Survey of Transplant Professionals Perspectives.”  


**May 2017**  
“Transplantation for Foreign Nationals in Canada: Survey of Transplant Professionals Perspectives.”  
Ballesteros F., Martin C., Greenberg R.A. and Fortin M.C. Canadian Society of Nephrology Annual General Meeting. Montreal, Quebec.

“Family-Centred Care, An evolving call in Paediatric Healthcare.” Zlotnik Shaul R. Canadian Bioethics Society’s Fifth Annual Paediatric Bioethics Pre-Conference. Montreal, Quebec.

**April 2017**  

**October 2016**  

**July 2016**  
### MAY 2016


**“Results of CAPHE-ACESS survey of practicing healthcare ethicists: That was then and this is now!”** Bell J., Connolly E., Edwards M., Foreman T., Godkin D., Goldsand G., Hood MacNicol P., Penney J. and Zlotnik Shaul R. Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Conference. Toronto, Ontario.

**“Engaging the millennial learner in bioethics education: Are we up to the challenge?”** Williams C., Akhtar S. and Hellmann J. Canadian Bioethics Society, Toronto.

### PRESENTATIONS: LOCAL

#### DECEMBER 2017


#### NOVEMBER 2017


**“Shared decision making: More than just a buzzword.”** Hellmann J. Bioethics Week Nursing Rounds. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

**“Discharge Against Medical Advice: Important Considerations to Keep our Patients and Staff Safe.”** Ostrow O. and Zlotnik Shaul R. Bioethics Week. Emergency Medicine Rounds. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

**“Moral Distress.”** Anderson J. Critical Care Unit Orientation, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.


#### OCTOBER 2017

**“Bioethics: Role, Scope and Resources.”** Anderson J. CHEST Rounds. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

**“Ethically challenging cases.”** Zlotnik Shaul R. Genetics and Metabolic Rounds. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.


**“Ethics and Professionalism: A case based discussion.”** Anderson J. Genetics and Metabolics. The Hospital for Sick Children.
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<td>“Ethical Issues in Genetics, Issues in Genetic Counselling II.” Greenberg R.A. MSc Genetic Counselling, University of Toronto, Toronto.</td>
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<td>“Ethical Principles in Paediatric Critical Care.” Greenberg R.A. George Brown Cardiology Course.</td>
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<td>JANUARY 2017</td>
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<td>NOVEMBER 2016</td>
<td>“Should Willingness to Vaccinate be a Precondition for Solid Organ Transplantation?”</td>
<td>Upton A. and Williams A. Bioethics Week: Transplant Centre Rounds.</td>
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<td>“Ethical Issues at the End of Life: Considerations for Spiritual Care and Psycho-Spiritual Therapy.”</td>
<td>Williams A. Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, Toronto.</td>
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<td>“You want me to do what?!”</td>
<td>Williams A. Responding Constructively to Ethical Conflict and Moral Distress in Health Care Contexts.</td>
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<td>“Genetic Counselling: Ethics and Professionalism.”</td>
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<td>“Introduction to Bioethics in Paediatric Nursing.”</td>
<td>Williams A. Nursing Orientation.</td>
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<td>Williams A. Critical Care Unit.</td>
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<td>“Navigating the Complexities of the Best Interests Standard.”</td>
<td>Williams A. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Bioethics Rounds.</td>
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<td>“Ethical Conflict, Mistakes and Wrongdoing: A Restorative Justice Response.”</td>
<td>Williams A. Joint Centre for Bioethics Seminar Series, Joint Centre for Bioethics, Toronto.</td>
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<td>“Ethical Issues in Genetics.”</td>
<td>Williams A. Genetic Counselling II Course.</td>
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**JULY 2016**

“Relationship Between Culture and Ethics in Paediatric Health Care.” Hellmann J. and Williams A. International Paediatric Emergency Medicine Elective. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.


“Ethical and legal issue for MAiD in a paediatric setting.” Zlotnik Shaul R. Senior Management Committee. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

**JUNE 2016**

“Ethical Conflict, Mistakes and Wrongdoing: A Restorative Justice Response.” Williams A. Joint Centre for Bioethics Seminar Series, Joint Centre for Bioethics, Toronto.

“Understanding and Addressing Moral Distress.” Williams, A. Critical Care Unit. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.


“Ethics of Truth Telling and Disclosure to Children.” Williams A. Transplant Program. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.


“Considering the ethical permissibility of paediatric exceptionalism.” Bianchi A. and Zlotnik Shaul R. Joint Centre for Bioethics Award Celebration, University of Toronto, Toronto. Poster

“Reporting secondary whole genome sequencing variants in paediatrics: Challenging relational best interest.” Hayeems R.Z., Anderson J., Szego M., Meyn S., Mantella L.E., Monfared N., Bowdin S. and Zlotnik Shaul R. Joint Centre for Bioethics Award Celebration, University of Toronto, Toronto. Poster

**MAY 2016**


“Turning frustration in to action: Practical tools for working with families, colleagues and child welfare authorities in cases of medical neglect.” Zlotnik Shaul R. and Schwartz S. Hematology/Oncology Division Rounds. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

“End of life decision making.” Hellmann J. Medical Resident Teaching. Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto.

**APRIL 2016**

“Paediatric health Care in 2016: What important ethical issues should leaders be thinking?” Zlotnik Shaul, R. Leading Voices Series. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

**MARCH 2016**

“Paediatric bioethics: Where we’ve been, where we are, what’s on the horizon, and why it is important.” Zlotnik Shaul R. Joint Centre for Bioethics Seminar. Christine Harrison Award Lecture. University of Toronto, Toronto.

“Ethics and the technologic imperative.” Hellman J. Acute Care Cardiology Course. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.
**FEBRUARY 2016**

“Moral distress: recognizing it and constructively moving forward in international settings.” **Zlotnik Shaul R.**
International Resource Team. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

“Effect of prognosis on decisions in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.” **Hellmann J.**
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

“Building a palliative care service for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.” **Hellmann J.**
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

“Policy development on queue jumping and conflict of interest for a pediatric health care organization.” **Zlotnik Shaul R.**
Rheumatology Rounds, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

“Paediatric Bioethics.” **Zlotnik Shaul R.**
Joint Centre of Bioethics, MHS in Bioethics. University of Toronto, Toronto.

**NOVEMBER 2016**

“Direct to Consumer Genetic Testing.” Chad L. and **Zlotnik Shaul R.**
Bioethics Week. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

**JANUARY 2016**

“Online and Social Media and the Health Care Provider: Some Ethical Considerations.” **Williams A.**
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Rounds. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

“Ethical issues in pediatric gynecology.” **Zlotnik Shaul, R.**
Gynecology Ethics Rounds. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS: LOCAL (SEE BIOETHICS WEEK POSTERS LISTED ABOVE)**

**MEDIA**

**OCTOBER 2017**

(Radio) **Greenberg R.A.** “This heart is working real good: Organ recipient’s letter exchange with the donor family.”
The Current.

**MARCH 2017**

(Comments) **Zlotnik Shaul R.** “When values clash: Bridging the divide when you disagree with patient choices by Stuart Foxman.”

**FEBRUARY 2016**

(Content) **Zlotnik Shaul R.** and Paul Taylor.
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre website and Healthy Debate.
http:// healthdebate.ca/personal-health-navigator/studies-faster-tr
http:// healthdebate.ca/personal-health-navigator/studies-faster-tr
Members of the Bioethics Department are included in, or lead in the development and review of Hospital policies and guidelines that have ethics-related content.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Jehovah Witness Policy

Consent to Treatment Policy and Consent to Treatment Guideline

Bioethics Consultation Policy

Ethics Framework
Author: 2017.

Addressing value-laden conflicts between patients and/or substitute decision makers and healthcare professionals.
Author: 2017.

Medical Assistance in Dying Guideline
Author – co-chair working group 2017-2018.

Discharge Against Medical Advice Guideline
Author – co-chair working group 2017-2018.

COMMITTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Bioethics Department staff are members of a large number of hospital, university, professional and specialty committees locally, nationally and internationally.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Anderson, J.
- Board of the Canadian Bioethics Society - New Initiatives Officer
- Chair, Trillium Health Partners Research Ethics Board - Chair
- Chair, Veritas Independent Review Board – Chair
- Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board (OCREB) – Alternate Member

Greenberg R.A.
- Ethics Committee, Canadian Society for Transplantation - Co-chair
- Ethics for Donation Physicians, Canadian Blood Services – Member
- Ethics of Paediatric Donation After Circulatory Death, Canadian Blood Services. Ethics Lead – Member
- Ethics Working Group, Trillium Gift of Life Network, Ontario – Member
- International Pediatric Transplant Association Ethics Committee – Member
- Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board (OCREB) – Alternate Member
- Organ Donation Offers after Medical Assistance in Dying Working Group, Canadian Society for Transplantation – Member
- Veritas Independent Review Board – Vice-Chair

Zlotnik Shaul, R.
- Canadian Association of Practicing Healthcare Ethicists - Member of Association
- Canadian Bioethics Society’s Annual Conference - Member of Abstract Selection Committee
- Canadian Bioethics Society Paediatric Bioethics pre-conference - Co-chair
- Canadian Council of Academies Expert Panel on Medical Assistance in Dying, Mature Minors - Member
- Canadian Paediatric Bioethics Network - Co-chair
- Ebola Ethics. Emergency Operations Centre, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care & Joint Centre for Bioethics - Panel Member
- Pediatric Affinity Group American Society for Bioethics and Humanities - Member of Program Planning Committee
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Ethics - Committee Member
- Springer Publishing Advisory Review Board - Board Member
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO COMMITTEES

Ethics and Professionalism Steering Committee. Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto – Greenberg R, Hellmann J - Members

JCB Fellowship Review Committee. Greenberg RA Member. Invited consultant part of 1 year review. Analysis and benchmarking of national and international fellowship programs. Participant in international 2 day symposium evaluating models for fellows in clinical, organizational and research ethics.

Joint Centre for Bioethics (JCB) Clinical Organizational and Research Ethics (CORE) Network. Anderson J, Greenberg R, Zlotnik Shaul R - Members

Joint Centre for Bioethics Education Advisory Committee. Hellmann J - Member

Joint Centre for Bioethics MHSc Course Directors Committee. Anderson J, Hellmann J - Members.


Medical Ethics and Professionalism Curriculum Development. Sub-Committee, University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine. Greenberg R - Member

SICKKIDS HOSPITAL COMMITTEES

Anderson J.
Bioethics Advisory Committee
Bioethics Week Planning Committee
Inter-Professional Practice Committee
Research Ethics Board

Greenberg R.A.
Bioethics Advisory Committee
Bioethics Grand Rounds Planning Committee
Bioethics Week Planning Committee
Interprofessional Grand Rounds Planning Committee
Interprofessional Patient Care Committee
Organ and Tissue Donation Committee
Research Ethics Board

Hellmann J.
Bioethics Advisory Committee
Bioethics Grand Rounds Planning Committee
Bioethics Week Planning Committee
Equitable Access to Care Committee
Family-Centred Care Advisory Council

Zlotnik Shaul R.
Bioethics Advisory Committee. Co-Chair
Bioethics Grand Rounds Planning Committee
Bioethics Week Planning Committee
Director’s Forum
Ebola Preparedness Task Force
Equitable Access to Care Committee
Genome Clinic Advisory Committee
Medical Advisory Committee
New Immigrant Support Network
Professional and Academic Advisory Council
REB Board of Record Committee
Scientific Review Panels
MANDATE
The overall mandate of the Bioethics Advisory Committee at SickKids is to enhance the work of the Bioethics Department in fostering ethics quality and integration across hospital activities. While accountability for ethics case consultation recommendations lies with the bioethicists, the Bioethics Advisory Committee provides a broad perspective to the overall activities of the Bioethics Department.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
1) Assist the Bioethics Department in setting its priorities and ensuring that activities of the Department are consistent with the organization’s strategic plans
2) Review ethics-related policies at the discretion of the Director
3) Review summary of case consultations and other activities of the Bioethics Department
4) Provide input on educational initiatives of the Bioethics Department
5) Assist in further integrating consideration of ethics into institutional activities and mechanisms
6) Engage with the Bioethics Department, particularly on potentially contentious organizational non-patient specific issues
7) Enhance staff ability to make ethical decisions throughout the institution, fulfill institutional ethical accountability
8) Identify issues that may warrant support of the Bioethics Department or the BAC
9) Aid in developing criteria for evaluating processes and outcomes of bioethics work

MEMBERS 2017

THE BIOETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
“All members of the Ethics department were extremely supportive, and gave liberally of their time, in teaching and assessing the impact of a multiyear cross-cultural ethics teaching effort. They were forward thinking, well prepared and inclusive. It has been an absolute pleasure to interact with this group of colleagues. On an individual level, I find Randi and her colleagues to be unbelievably approachable. They are always willing to listen to, and reflect upon, new ideas, scenarios and challenges.”

- Dennis Scolnik,
  Staff Physician, Emergency Medicine
APPENDIX I: HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

In the early 1980s an Ethics Committee was created at The Hospital for Sick Children. This was initially a large body of professional and lay members who undertook reviews of ethical issues in clinical care. Dr. Abbyann Lynch, then Director of the Westminster Institute was invited to assist the committee in its deliberations. In 1991, with recognition of the increasing need at the Hospital for bioethics expertise, Dr. Lynch was appointed as Bioethicist and a Bioethics Department was created. The Department functioned in collaboration with the Committee and its Chair. Work groups developed a consultation process, an educational task force and other initiatives to enhance ethics awareness throughout the hospital. A second bioethicist was recruited to the Department within a short period of Dr. Lynch’s tenure.

The Department under Dr. Lynch was extremely active and productive: A number of books were published, a Paediatric ethics teaching manual for residents developed, research undertaken, papers published, a newsletter initiated, numerous ethics educational sessions held and many other ethics consciousness-raising activities pursued. It became clear that the optimal means for ethics consultation was through the expertise of the Bioethicists, with the committee focusing more on organizational and educational initiatives. Over time these latter activities also became incorporated into the functioning and responsibility of the Bioethics Department. Thus bioethics activity at SickKids became the responsibility of the Bioethics Department, led by the Director of that Department. This pattern continued under Dr. Christine Harrison and the current Director, Dr. Randi Zlotnik Shaul. This has served the institution extremely well and the Department is well recognized for its expertise and excellence in clinical consultation, education, research activity, scholarship and policy development. It has established an international name as a major centre of academic bioethics endeavor, collaborating locally, nationally and internationally, in the understanding and addressing of complex ethical issues affecting children’s health care. SickKids Bioethics Department is committed to providing an integrated, accountable and sustainable ethics service. It has been, and continues to be, an active member of the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics.
Dr. Upton and patient Shaan.