

DEFINING DEATH

Organ transplantation and the 50-year legacy of the Harvard report on brain death

APRIL 11-13, 2018





If one subject in health law and bioethics can be said to be at once well settled and persistently unresolved, it is how to determine that death has occurred.”

—Alexander M. Capron, LL.B.,
Executive Director, President's Commission 1981, *New England Journal of Medicine* (2001) 344:1244.



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Defining Death: *Organ transplantation and the 50-year legacy of the Harvard report on brain death*

A Message from the 2018 Conference Planning Committee Chair



The first heart transplant in late 1967 brought the promise of a revolutionary new approach to saving the lives of patients with irreversible organ failure. At the same time, rapid advances in the development of life-sustaining treatments raised questions about when the use of these technologies was no longer saving lives but merely prolonging death.

Under the auspices of the Dean of Harvard Medical School and the leadership of Dr. Henry K. Beecher, in 1968 a Harvard committee suggested a solution for both of these problems, proposing a new definition of death – brain death – which would apply to “comatose individuals who have no discernable central nervous system activity.”

This new approach to defining death promised not only to relieve the burden of hopeless treatment from patients, families, and hospitals, but also to eliminate “controversy in obtaining organs for transplantation” by assuring that the organs would not be removed before the patient was dead. Over the next decade these ideas gained traction, and in 1981 the concept was endorsed by a President’s Commission and incorporated into the Uniform Definition of Death Act, a version of which has been adopted into law by all 50 states.

This conference will look back on the legacy of the Harvard report, examining both its tremendous success in creating a social consensus around defining death by neurological criteria, as well as the persistent controversies that have questioned the philosophical, theological, legal,

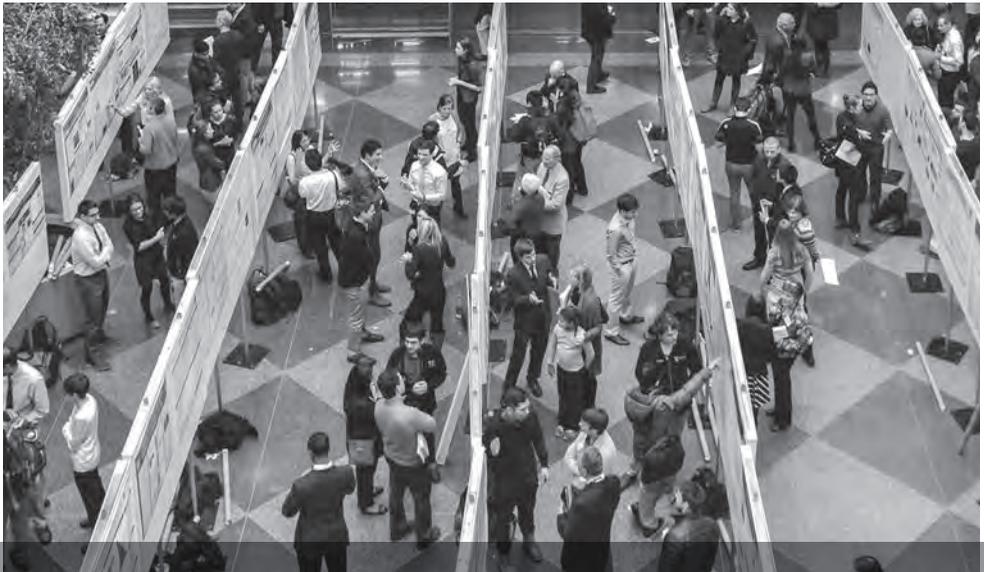
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and empirical claims that it assumes. Finally, we will look to the future, and examine how new developments in gene-editing and other technologies may eliminate the need to procure organs from human donors at all, rendering the most important *raison d'être* for the concept obsolete. In this light, perhaps the full legacy of the Harvard report is a story that remains to be told.

I am grateful to the members of the planning committee, who were essential in developing a program that we hope will be seen as both comprehensive and balanced, to the speakers, all of whom are international authorities in this field and, in many cases, important protagonists in the history itself. And finally, none of this would be possible without my colleagues at Harvard Medical School's Center for Bioethics and our dedicated and professional staff. My hope is that this conference will helpfully advance our thinking around how we, as a society, define death.

Robert D. Truog, MD, MA

Director, Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School



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About the Conference

The Conference Mission

The Harvard Medical School Annual Bioethics Conference (ABC) convenes leaders in the field to explore ethical questions and concerns in healthcare. Held each April, the conference facilitates conversations among experts and supports members of ethics committees, health care professionals, bioethicists, administrators, attorneys, and others who are interested in addressing ethical issues.

Poster Session

Poster sessions offer participants the opportunity to learn from the research findings and field work of bioethics students, researchers, and clinicians. This year's call for abstracts went out to the community in February 2018. The Conference Planning Committee selected posters for presentation.

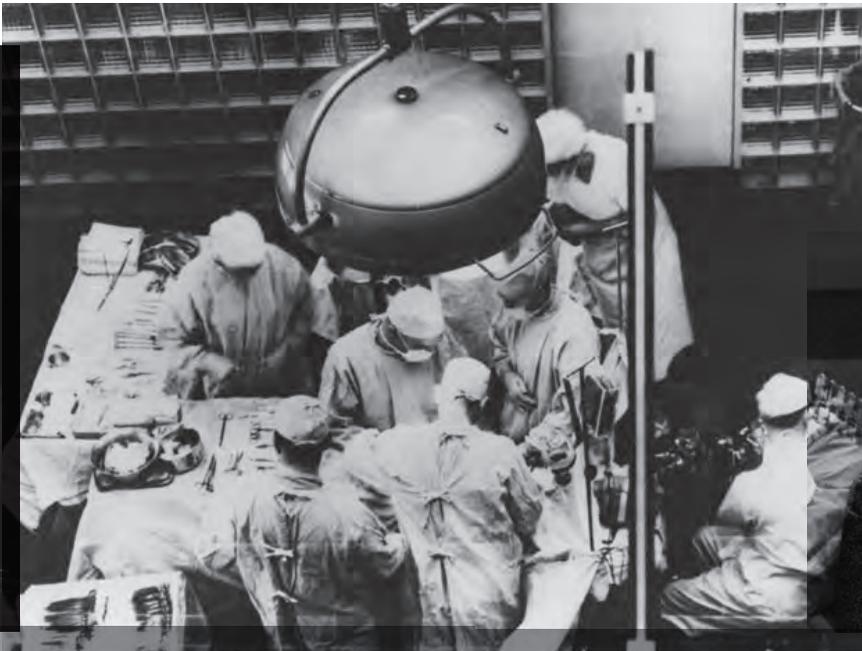


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he Center for Bioethics prepares professionals to address the

April 2019 Annual Bioethics Conference:
Controlling Death? Ethics, Law, and the Health Professions

Across the U.S. to Canada and beyond, citizens and health care professionals are engaged in a profound moral debate about the scope of our freedom to choose the timing and manner of death. A growing minority of states have legalized some form of physician-assisted death and outside the US euthanasia is now legally permissible in several countries. The 2019 Annual Bioethics Conference will explore the ethical, legal, and clinical aspects of seeking to control when and how one dies. It will assess and engage the current landscape of assisting dying and anticipate future directions including distinctions between death and suicide in the setting of mental illness.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WED



Wednesday, April 11, 2018

LOCATION: MCPHS University, 179 Longwood Avenue

5 – 7 pm | Stoklosa Hall

Brain Death and the Controversial Case of Jahi McMath

A Summary of the Case | Robert Truog, moderator

Jahi McMath was diagnosed as brain-dead following complications from a tonsillectomy at the age of 13. Although she has been legally dead for over four years, she continues to grow and develop, supported with tube feedings and a ventilator. The panelists in this public bioethics forum will examine the neurological, bioethical, and social implications of this controversial case.

A Social Scientist's View | Michele Bratcher Goodwin

What are the socio-legal and cultural implications of brain death? This presentation will examine the cultural, political, and racial tensions associated with understanding and acceding to brain death.

A Neurologist's View | D. Alan Shewmon

In December 2013, Jahi McMath fulfilled the diagnostic criteria and statutory definition of death; her subsequent course raises doubts that she currently fulfills either.

A Bioethicist's View | Arthur L. Caplan

What ought the future be in understanding and utilizing brain death in the wake of the McMath case and other developments in understanding severe brain damage?

Questions and Discussion

7:00 pm | Reception in White Hall

Special thanks to

MCPHS University for providing the lecture and reception rooms for Wednesday's public bioethics form. The conference planning committee would like to acknowledge MCPHS University leadership, faculty, and staff, including:

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURS



Thursday, April 12, 2018

7:45 - 8:30 am | Lobby

Registration and Breakfast

LOCATION: Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, 77 Ave. Louis Pasteur

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Truog, Conference Planning Committee Chair

The Clinical Diagnosis of Brain Death | **Galen Vincent Henderson**

How does a practicing neurologist make the diagnosis of brain death in a patient with severe neurological injury?

8:50 – 10:15 am

The Harvard Report: 1968

Introduction | **Mildred Z. Solomon, moderator**

Historical Reflections on the Harvard Committee | **Gary Belkin**

What motivated the work of the Harvard Committee and what should we learn from it? Bioethicists commonly assume that the Committee was focused on the goal of facilitating and expanding transplantation, but historical analysis suggests a more nuanced answer that challenges both the self-understanding of bioethics and how we approach healthcare and public health as a moral enterprise.

Comments from Invited Guests

The Harvard Beecher Archives | **Scott Podolsky**

History serves as a powerful tool for understanding the evolution of medical science and bioethics alike. The Center for the History of Medicine at the Countway Medical Library is a resource for exploring the original correspondence and draft reports related to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Harvard Medical School to Examine the Definition of Brain Death.

10:15 – 10:30 am | Break

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

ALL sessions will be in the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur. Time is allotted for questions and discussion after presentations.

Thursday, April 12, 2018

10:30 – noon

Brain Death: 1968-2018

Christine Mitchell, moderator

The 1981 President's Commission and the UDDA

Alexander M. Capron | The Uniform Determination of Death Act of 1981 (UDDA) sought to address many of the concerns raised by the 1968 Harvard committee report. The wide acceptance of the UDDA — and the medical guidelines for its implementation — stand in contrast to renewed skepticism about brain death.

Daniel Wikler | The President's Commission report on brain death provided a rationale for the UDDA that was and remains deeply flawed. How should philosophers serving on public commissions think about their obligations to conceptual clarity versus their obligations to support and promote societal goods like organ transplantation?

Brain Death: Historical and philosophical reflections | **Robert M. Veatch**

As a graduate student at Harvard in the late 1960's, Robert Veatch recalls that the Committee was not clear about why they were seeking to redefine death. Fifty years later, Veatch believes no reasonable person would accept the early formulation of the brain-based definition of death.

Noon – 1 pm | Lobby

Lunch: Pick up tote lunch outside the amphitheater.

Presentations: Posters will be displayed in the lobby during lunch (see page 21 for poster details).

1 – 2:30 pm

Point-Counterpoint: Is brain death a coherent and justified concept for determining death?

Summary | **Lainie Friedman Ross, moderator**

James L. Bernat | The conceptual basis for the equivalence of brain death and human death is the cessation of functioning of the organism as a whole. Although many parts of the brain-dead patient obviously remain alive by technological support, the patient is dead because those parts no longer constitute a living whole.

D. Alan Shewmon | Brain death was introduced in the 1960s, not as a coherent concept but as a useful one. It is not the permanent cessation of functioning of the organism as a whole and remains a conclusion in search of a justification.

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2:30 - 2:45 pm | Break

2:45 – 4:15 pm

Brain Death and the Law

Rebecca Brendel, moderator

Hard Cases and Legal Challenges

Thaddeus Mason Pope | Brain death is facing three distinct types of court challenges. Those contesting the legal status of brain death assert: (1) that prevailing medical criteria fail to measure what the law requires, (2) that clinicians need family consent to administer examinations like the apnea test, and (3) that clinicians must indefinitely accommodate religious objections.

Brain Death and the Law: International perspectives

Pablo de Lora | How has the neurological criterion of death been adopted across different legal systems? Has such incorporation prompted significant legal challenges? An examination of the legal status of brain death across a selected sample of relevant countries will help to answer these questions.

Separating Determination from Declaration

Robert Tasker | Two words — determination, the process of establishing a condition, and declaration, a formal announcement of that condition — have a history in the key documents about “brain death” (1968 to 2011). One act is grounded in medicine, the other in law. The “brain death” narrative started with a clear separation in these acts that has largely disappeared. Would re-establishing the separation have conceptual and practical advantages?

4:15 – 5 pm

Point-Counterpoint: Is informed consent necessary before brain death testing?

David M. Greer | Informed consent is not required for apnea testing for diagnosing brain death.

Robert Truog | Medical procedures or examinations may not be performed on a patient without their explicit or implied consent. Brain death is no exception.

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FRIDAY



Friday, April 13, 2018

7:45 - 8:30 am

Registration and Breakfast | Lobby

LOCATION: Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, 77 Ave. Louis Pasteur

8:30 – 9:30 am | Amphitheater

Using the Other Half of the UDDA: Determining death by circulatory criteria

Mildred Z. Solomon, moderator

Determining Death: Scientific aspects | **Sam D. Shemie**

What do we know about the scientific relationship between circulatory arrest, brain arrest, and death determination?

The Controlled DCD Donor | **Francis L. Delmonico**

Organ donation after using circulatory criteria determination of death is an increasingly important pathway for organ procurement. What does this procedure require, and what has been the impact of this approach on organ transplantation?

The Uncontrolled DCD | **Ivan Ortega-Deballon**

Strategies for procuring transplantable organs following unexpected cardiac arrest are increasingly common in Europe. How are these protocols constructed to mitigate conflicts of interests and other ethical concerns while expanding opportunities for organ donation?

9:30 – 10:30 am

Point-Counterpoint: Are DCD donors dead?

James L. Bernat | Circulatory death organ donors are dead at the time of death declaration following five minutes of apnea and circulatory arrest because they have permanent cessation of circulation and respiration. Permanent cessation is consistent with prevailing standards of death declaration in medical practice and avoids the unnecessary and harmful consequences of demanding proof of irreversible cessation.

Ari Joffe | Despite claims of an international consensus, four arguments show that permanent cessation of circulation is not sufficient for death, which must be irreversible. DCD donors are not dead.

10:30 – 10:45 am | Break

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10:45 – 12:15 pm

Defining Death and Public Policy

Robert Truog, moderator

Individual Choice in Definitions of Death | **Lainie Friedman Ross**

Different jurisdictions use different definitions by which to determine if a person is dead. Ross argues that individuals, within reason, should have the authority to decide which definitions are used.

Death as a “Legal Fiction” | **Seema Shah**

A legal fictions approach to brain death is intended as a temporary approach to reconcile current organ donation practices with the law by acknowledging that brain death is not the same as biological death, but can be treated as such for purposes of permitting—with individual or proxy consent—organ donation.

Religious Views on the Definition of Death | **Courtney S. Campbell**

What significance do religious convictions have in developing policy and law on the determination of death? Examination of recently litigated cases shows (1) the possibility of an overlapping consensus between religious and secular values on some aspects of public policy, and (2) the policy necessity of providing accommodations or exemptions for religious views that dissent from neurological-based criteria for death.

12:15 – 1:15 pm | Lobby

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1:15 – 2:45 pm

The Dead Donor Rule

Lainie Friedman Ross, moderator

The Dead Donor Rule: A pragmatic defense | **David Magnus**

Current law and policy on euthanasia makes abandoning the Dead Donor Rule impracticable.

The Dead Donor Rule Is a Failed Firewall | **David Rodríguez-Arias**

The dead donor rule (DDR) functions as a symbolic firewall to protect potential donors from harm (including the harm of being killed by organ procurement), to assure donors are treated with respect, and to foster uncontroversial organ procurement. It has been imperfect in fulfilling these functions; in fact, it may be counterproductive to these goals.

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The Dead Donor Rule: Public perceptions and attitude | **Michael Nair-Collins**

Results from a large national survey in the U.S. suggest that there may be public support for abandoning the dead donor rule in certain circumstances. Given that empirical data cannot be translated directly into normative conclusions, what role should empirical data on public attitudes play in the academic and policy debates on organ transplantation and the dead donor rule?

2:45 – 3 pm | Break

3 – 4:30 pm

The Future of Transplantation: Organs without human donors

Robert Truog, moderator

Genetically Modified Organs from Pigs and Human Stem Cells | **George M. Church**

As we transition from preindustrial diseases (infectious, inherited, nutritional) to postindustrial (heart, diabetes, aging), transplantation medicine will demand higher quality and more equitable distribution. Recent progress in engineering universal donor cells and organs may address these issues and raise new ones.

The Other Animal of Transplant's Future | **Lesley A. Sharp**

Xenotransplantation—where parts are derived from “source animals” or “donor species”—has long been heralded as transplant's future, potentially eliminating the need for human organs. Nevertheless, immunological challenges have relegated xenoscience to an ever-receding horizon, a reality now challenged by the possibilities of gene-editing. Amidst tentative celebration, how might we imagine, and wrestle with, the bioethics of investing hope in transgenic swine as transplant's “other (non-human) animal”?

Bodies in Transition: Life, Law, and the Human Self | **Sheila Jasanoff**

For more than 50 years, technological advances have been blurring the boundaries between life and death and human and non-human. The latest developments in transplant medicine raise new questions about how to rethink essential features of human integrity and dignity, and law offers societies diverse opportunities for reflecting on these issues.

Discussion and Closing Remarks | **Robert Truog**

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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Poster Presentations | Thursday, April 12

LOCATION: Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, Lobby, 77 Ave. Louis Pasteur

A Liberal Decision by a Conservative Scholar: The Early Organ Transplantation Discussion in the Muslim World

Presenter: Abdullah Aljoudi, MBBS

Chairman of Ethics Committee

King Fahd Hospital of the University

Imama Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University, Saudi Arabia

Brain Death and Organ Donation: Ethical Conflicts Lived by Families of Donors in Decision Making

Presenter: Leonardo Barros e Silva, MD

Coordinator, Organ Procurement Organization

Clinics Hospital, School of Medicine

University of São Paulo, Brazil

Brain Stem Death: From Heart Transplants to Therapeutic Pain Research—Expanding the Role of Donated Tissues

Presenter: Mair Crouch, BSc, MSc, PhD, LLB

Lecturer in Bioethics

University of Glasgow, Scotland

Defining Death Debate within Roman Catholicism

Presenter: Jason Eberl, PhD

Professor of Health Care Ethics

Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics, St. Louis, Missouri

Ethical and Juridical Aspects about Organ Procurement: Should We Have An “Opt-In” or “Opt-Out” System?

Presenter: Matteo Gulino, PhD

Post-Doctoral Researcher

Department of Medico-Surgical Sciences and Biotechnologies

Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Presenters and posters are different on Thursday and Friday.

Investigation of Public Perception of Brain Death Using the Internet

Presenter: Amy Jones, MD

Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Fellow

Children's National Medical Center, Washington DC

Determination of Death: A Case for Kenya

Presenter: Marion Mutugi, PhD

Deputy Vice Chancellor of Planning, Research and Development

University of Kabianga, Kenya

Ethical Implications of Medical Crowdfunding: The Case of Jahi McMath

Presenters: Sarah Kelly, BSc

MBE Candidate

Harvard Medical School

Gabrielle Dressler, BA

MBE Candidate

Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

Taking Sides: Organ Bazaar and Buddha's Four Noble Truths

Presenter: Suchana Sova

PhD candidate

Centre for Bioethics, Monash University, Australia

Assistant Professor, Jagannath University, Bangladesh

Presenter: Farid Ahmed , PhD

Professor

Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

Defining Cancer-Specific Death

Presenter: Divya Yerramilli, MD, MBE

Resident Physician

Department of Radiation Oncology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Poster Presentations | Friday, April 13

Organ Transplantation (Donation): Perspective of Multi Religions in Indonesia

Presenter: Syaefudin Ali Akhmad, MD

Senior Researcher in Bioethics and Biochemistry
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Faculty of Medicine, Islamic University of Indonesia, Indonesia*

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The Dead-Donor Rule and a Death with Dignity

Presenter: Miguel Dorante, BS

MBE Candidate
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Thinking Anew About Death: Presenting the Rationale for an Australian Study of Health Professional and Public Attitudes on Death and Organ Donation

Presenter: Cynthia Forlini, BSc, MA, PhD

Research Fellow
*Sydney Health Ethics
School of Public Health, University of Sydney, Australia*

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Shortcomings in the Management of Public Health Imply a Low Rate of Transplantation in a Brazilian Northeast Province

Presenter: Rosamaria Gomes, MD

Professor of Medical Skills
CESMAC Medical School, Brazil

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Negotiating Marginal States in Life and Death: A Case of a Six-Week Fetus and a Brain Dead Boy

Presenter: Margaret Hayden, MPhil

Medical Student
Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

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The Ethics of Professional Collaboration with Chinese Transplant Professionals

Presenter: David Matas, BCL

Barrister and Solicitor

Canadian Council on International Law, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Epidemiology and Changing Trends of Pediatric Brain Death in Australasian ICUs

Presenter: Katie Moynihan, MBBS

Senior Fellow

Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Brain Death and Posthumous Harm

Presenter: J. Bradley Segal, MBE

Medical Student

Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

How Do Implantable Brain Devices Affect the Determination of Brain Death?

Presenter: ZaeV Suskin, BA

MBE Candidate

Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

The Sanctity of Death: Respect for Persons Supersedes Fideism

Presenter: Melinda Wilding, DBE

Instructor

University of Colorado at Denver and Anschutz Medical Campuses

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Gary Belkin, MD, PhD, MPH

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Gary Belkin is the executive deputy commissioner of mental hygiene in the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Division of Mental Hygiene has driven the framework and implementation of a city-wide approach to innovate mental health services called ThriveNYC, which is reframing mental health as a public health priority. Belkin manages policy, planning, services development, and implementation for prevention, promotion and treatment efforts across NYC. Before his current role, he was the medical director for behavioral health in the Health and Hospitals Corporation of the City of New York, which operates eleven public hospitals in New York City. He has also served as chief of psychiatry (interim) at Bellevue Hospital and has led policy development in urban health settings, with an interest in advancing innovative approaches to public mental health. As an associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine, he was the founding director of the NYU Program in Global Mental Health.

James L. Bernat, MD

Professor of Neurology and Medicine, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth



James L. Bernat is a neurologist at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. Formerly the Louis and Ruth Frank Professor of Neuroscience, currently he is professor of neurology and medicine (active emeritus). Following graduation from Cornell University Medical College, he trained in internal medicine and neurology at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Bernat has been a Dartmouth faculty member for forty-two years. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Neurology, the American Neurological Association, the Hastings Center, and is a member of the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives. His scholarly interests are in ethical and philosophical issues in neurology, particularly brain death and disorders of consciousness. Bernat has authored over 250 articles and chapters on topics in neurology and bioethics. He is the author of *Ethical Issues in Neurology, 3rd ed.* and co-editor of *Ethical and Legal Issues in Neurology*, and *Palliative Care in Neurology*.

Rebecca Weintraub Brendel, MD, JD

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Rebecca Weintraub Brendel is director of the Master's Degree Program at the Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics. She is an assistant professor of psychiatry and is director of law and ethics at the Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital. She graduated from University of Chicago Law School and Pritzker School of Medicine, and completed her psychiatry residency at Mass General and McLean Hospital, as well as a forensic psychiatry fellowship at Mass General. Brendel's clinical practice has focused on patients with complex psychosocial problems, including trauma, dementia, mental illness, homelessness, substance abuse, decisional incapacity, lack of community support, and poverty. This broad work has informed her educational efforts and research interests focusing on issues at the interface of psychiatry, medicine, law, ethics, and human rights. At Mass General, she provides medical oversight for the hospital's inpatient guardianship team, and practices clinical and forensic psychiatry. She has served Mass General as medical director of the One Fund Center for Boston Marathon bombing survivors; psychiatrist on the Law & Psychiatry and Consultation Psychiatry Services; clinical director of the Red Sox Foundation/ MGH Home Base Program for post-9/11 service members and their families; and as associate director of the MGH-based Harvard Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship. She is admitted to the Massachusetts Bar and has served on the ethics committees of the Massachusetts Medical and Psychiatric Societies and the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. She is a fellow and president-elect of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, which she has also served as chair of the Standards and Ethics Subcommittee. She is a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and presently parliamentarian to the Board of Trustees, and a consultant to the Ethics Committee.

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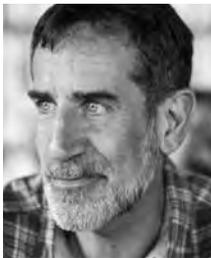


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