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40th Anniversary Kickoff Luncheon Medical Ethics and Why It Matters

For some, the subject of ethics tends to elicit a response that can best be described as ho-hum.

Clearly, those people haven't heard **Ryan Pferdehirt** and **Lindsey Jarrett** talk about medical ethics and how it affects care for patients, families, clinicians, and providers.

At least they weren't among the more than 50 people who joined us on October 3 for our 40th Anniversary Kickoff Luncheon at the Fire House KC, where Ryan and Lindsey shared real-life situations showing how bioethicists improve care in clinical settings and how the Center is helping providers build safeguards into their use of artificial intelligence.

Many thanks to our kick-off co-chairs, <u>Raghu Adiga, MD</u>, and <u>Mark R. Thompson, JD</u>, and to <u>Seigfreid Bingham</u> for their sponsorship.

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Artificial Intelligence in HealthcareIt's Here! Now What Should We Do?

What challenges does the use of artificial intelligence pose to the ethical delivery of healthcare?

Al is here now, not five years down the road. As <u>Lindsey Jarrett</u>, director of the Center's Ethical Al Initiative, explains in this 2-minute video, providers have to face how they use it, the reasons for using it, and what are its benefits and risks as a way to provide clinical decision support.

Contact Lindsey at <u>ljarrett@PracticalBioethics.org</u> to learn more about <u>the Center's Ethical Al Initiative and services</u> and how we can help providers choose, implement and use Al tools in an intentional, responsible and ethical manner.

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AIM AHEAD Program

Dr. Jarrett Mentors NIH Researcher

on Digital Health Technology for Older Adults

Lindsey Jarrett, PhD, director of the Center's Ethical Al Initiative, was a Mentor for the first Cohort of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) AIM AHEAD (Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning Consortium to Advance Health Equity and Researcher Diversity) program. AIM AHEAD matches researchers from across the nation with experts in AI/ML to gain technical skills so they will be able to apply those skills in their own work.

Lindsey was matched with **Dr. Ankita Siddhanta**, a research assistant professor from the University of Houston Population Health Department. Dr. Siddhanta has a focus on underserved populations and healthcare and a particular interest in the digital divide present with aging immigrants living in the U.S. Lindsey worked with Dr. Siddhanta on educational recommendations for older adults to better equip them with the knowledge they need to understand digital health technology. They plan to publish their work this year.

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Building Common Ground Public Deliberation: An Alternative to Politics as Usual

The October issue of the <u>American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)</u> is devoted to building common ground for public health action. The Center's John B. Francis Chair <u>Erika Blacksher</u>, <u>PhD</u>, is the lead author of a commentary on the value of democratic deliberation for building shared values and purpose on population health challenges. Dr. Blacksher authored the commentary with her research team, including the Center's <u>Nellie Kassebaum</u>, <u>MPH</u>, Research Coordinator.

"Building a 'We' With Deliberative Dialogue in Pursuit of Health for All" identifies four core principles and practices to gather well-informed public input on tough value-laden questions, approaches for how to design deliberations to open discussion rather than shut it down, and ways to operationalize democratic deliberation in the health sector.

The issue's opening editorial, by Sanne Morgan, MD, PhD, and David Kindig, MD, PhD, highlights the Center's work under Dr. Blacksher's leadership to create a toolkit for deliberative dialogue and decision-making, citing it as an important resource for fostering common ground.

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