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## CPB Welcomes Three New Board Members

Three new board members bring their expertise and insight to the Center's mission to raise and respond to ethical issues in health and healthcare.

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## What I Wish I Had Known Then and Know Now about Ethics Consultation

Ten years ago, Trudi Galblum joined the Center for Practical Bioethics as Director of Marketing and Communications. In addition to her background in health policy, nonprofit marketing and fund development, Trudi had another reason for wanting to help raise and respond to ethical issues in health and healthcare.

Ten years before joining the Center, Trudi's husband, Larry Galblum, a pathologist with a local health system, died at age 48 from glioblastoma or stage four brain cancer.

In this piece, Trudi describes the decisions she and Larry faced from diagnosis through treatment and final days, and why she wishes that someone along the way had suggested that they request an ethics review of their case.

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## The Difference a Bioethicist Can Make

All members of your healthcare team want to make the right decisions. But sometimes that's tough.

[Ryan Pferdehirt, D.Bioethics, HEC-C](#), explains how a bioethicist can alleviate second guessing by making recommendations and supporting them from an ethical standpoint, thereby alleviating risk and distress all around.

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## The January *Ethics Dispatch* is Here Multidisciplinary Teams: The Risks and the Promise

The *Ethics Dispatch* is a monthly email containing discussion of bioethics issues, related news headlines, case studies, and philosophical musings from Center staff and other contributing authors. The *Dispatch* is designed to contribute educational content for regular ethics committee meeting agendas. All Consortium members receive the *Ethics Dispatch* as a monthly email. Your organization can become an [Ethics Services Partner](#) to receive the *Ethics Dispatch* and more.

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# Center's 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

You have many ways you could spend the evening of **Thursday, April 11, 2024**. We hope you'll spend it with us at The Abbott, 1901 Cherry, KCMO, and here's why:

## Introducing James Stowe, President and CEO, and honoring past leaders

- Myra Christopher, Founding President and CEO
- John G. Carney, Immediate Past President and CEO
- Mary Beth Blake, Center Co-Founder

**Keynote Address by Daniela Lamas, MD**, New York Times writer, pulmonary and critical care doctor and Harvard Medical School faculty member

## Celebrating our past and exploring our future:

**Ethics at the Bedside**  
**Ethics in Algorithms**  
**Ethics in Community**

The one event that unites Greater Kansas City's diverse healthcare community in support of raising and responding to ethical issues in health and healthcare.



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