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DISTINCTION IN BIOETHICS

Proposal to the Executive Council

February 19, 2015

On Behalf of Eric A. Singer, MD MA

Current Enrichment Programs

- Distinction in Research
- Distinction in Medical Education
- Distinction in Service to the Community
- Distinction in Global Health

Rationale

- allow medical students to expand upon the final pillar of patient care, and more intensely explore the realm of ethical issues that physicians are faced with today
- enrich the curriculum by allowing students the opportunity to participate in *an intense experiential learning activity*
- **conduct a *demanding scholarly investigation***
- **disseminate findings through multiple forums.**

Distinction

- Acknowledgement on Diploma:

***Doctor of Medicine with
Distinction in Bioethics***

To be selected and earn distinction honors

- show exceptional interest, leadership and commitment to bioethics
- assume a significant level of responsibility in planning, implementing, and completing a project in bioethics that is rigorous and scholarly

Specific Requirements

- Didactic component – Students must complete a non-credit Bioethics elective by attending a minimum of 10 Distinction in Bioethics events over the course of 4 years. Eligible events include: monthly RWJUH Ethics Committee meetings, annual Stahl Memorial Lecture in Bioethics, annual Rutgers Bioethics Society symposium, and any ethics-related lectures by Distinction in Bioethics faculty

Requirements (continued)

- Practicum component A – Students must complete a 1 (or more) week elective in Hospice and Palliative Medicine (MED 9500).
- Practicum component B – Students must participate in at least 2 bioethics consultations in the hospital along with the attending

- Capstone project – Under the guidance of a Distinction in Bioethics faculty mentor, and approved by the Committee, students must complete a project of their choice within the realm of ethics. This project may take the form of:
 - A written manuscript submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal
 - Review article, commentary, or original research
 - A written thesis
 - A public lecture

Realm of Bioethics

- clinical ethics
 - global health ethics
 - research ethics
 - health issues in public policy
- *to engage a supportive community of scholars and mentors*

Faculty and Potential Mentors (Partial List)

- Eric A. Singer, MD, MA (Director, Distinction in Bioethics)
- Michael Solomon, MD (RWJUH Ethics Committee Chair)
- Francis Barchi, PhD, MBE (Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research)
- Anna Petrova, MD, PhD, MPH (Course Director for “Ethics and Regulations in Clinical Research,” MS-CTS program)
- Janet Alder, PhD (Course Director for “Ethical Scientific Conduct,” Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences)
- Nancy Fiedler, PhD (IRB Committee Chair)
- Michael Santoro, PhD, JD (Professor of Business Ethics and Pharmaceutical Industry Ethics, Rutgers Business School)
- Elizabeth Poplin, MD (RWJUH Ethics Committee member, Medical Oncology and Palliative Care)
- T. Patrick Hill, PhD (Bloustein School of Public Planning and Public Policy)
- Robert C. Like, MD, MS (Center for Healthy Families and Cultural Diversity)