

Medical Ethical Issues

Contemporary issues facing physicians and patients

Purpose: The purpose of the seminar is to examine contemporary medical ethical issues such as the vaccination of children and assisted suicide. The historical background of the issues will be explored.

Course #	19SME
Format:	Seminar
Moderator:	Paul Berman
Co-moderator:	Michael Rosner
Date and Time:	Monday, 10:00-Noon 10 weeks, starting February 25
Location:	Unitarian Society of Amherst, Conference Room

Description: Participants will choose an issue from a list provided by the moderators. If a participant wants to address an issue not on the list, the participant must get a moderator's approval. Presentations will be 20 to 30 minutes long; discussion will follow. There will be only one presentation per two-hour session since these issues are quite complicated and will generate a vigorous discussion.

Role of participants: Each participant will choose an ethical issue and make a 20- or 30-minute presentation addressing the ethical and scientific dimensions of the issue.

Resources: There are many online sites with articles, references, and journals that can be used as a starting point. The moderators will assist participants in identifying materials relevant to their chosen topic when needed.

About the Moderators: Both moderators are retired physicians.

Maximum number of participants: 12

Auditors accepted: no