Reproduction and Research: Ethics and Pregnancy in Clinical Trials

Thursday, April 18, 2019
1:00 - 5:30 pm

Auditorium 1306 – Health Sciences Learning Center

Presented by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health
and the Department of Medical History and Bioethics
1:00 – 1:10 pm  **Welcoming Remarks**
Robert N. Golden, MD, dean, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

1:10 – 1:20 pm  **Essay Contest Winners and Introduction of Speakers**
Paul Kelleher, PhD, associate professor, Department of Medical History and Bioethics and Department of Philosophy at UW–Madison

1:20 – 1:50 pm  **Making People: Mapping the Ethical Terrain**
Rebecca Kukla, PhD, professor of philosophy, Gerogtegown University

1:50 – 2:00 pm  Topic Q&A

2:00 – 2:05 pm  Speaker Introduction

2:05 – 2:35 pm  **Substance Abuse Research in Pregnancy**
Zachary Stowe, MD, professor of psychiatry, UW School of Medicine and Public Health

2:35 – 2:45 pm  Topic Q&A

2:45 – 3:00 pm  Break (Light refreshments served in the lobby)

3:00 – 3:05 pm  Speaker Introduction

3:05 – 3:35 pm  **Pregnant Women and Research: Tackling the Complexities of Inclusion**
Anne Drapkin Lyerly, MD, MA, professor of social medicine and director of the Center for Bioethics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

3:35 – 3:45 pm  Topic Q&A

3:45 – 3:50 pm  Introduction to IRB Simulation

3:50 – 4:50 pm  **IRB Simulation**
Alta Charo, JD (Facilitator)
Norman Fost, MD, MPH
Pilar Ossorio, PhD, JD
Karola Kreitmair, PhD
Anne Drapkin Lyerly, MD, MA
Rebecca Kukla, PhD
Zachary Stowe, MD

4:50 – 5:15 pm  IRB Simulation Audience Discussion

5:15 – 5:30 pm  **Closing Remarks**
Symposium Presenters

Zachary N. Stowe, MD

Zachary N. Stowe, MD, is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. He is the director of the Women’s Mental Health Program. He currently works with colleagues across the country to delineate the course, impact and treatment options for women with epilepsy during pregnancy and with the Centers for Disease Control examining the impact of medication exposures in pregnancy and risk for birth defects.

Dr. Stowe has published more than 150 peer-reviewed journal articles including original research, scholarly reviews and treatment guidelines related to the management of mental illness during pregnancy and the postpartum period. His research focuses on the course, treatment and impact of maternal mental illness and substance use disorders during pregnancy. His research and collaborations have served as the foundation for the development of treatment guidelines for mental illness during pregnancy and the postpartum period. In addition to his research activities, he maintains an active clinical practice focusing on women’s mental health and the perinatal period, and is highly dedicated to the mentorship of students, residents and faculty.

Dr. Stowe is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and a member of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology.

Rebecca Kukla, PhD

Rebecca Kukla, PhD, is professor of philosophy at Georgetown University and senior research scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics. Her research interests within practical ethics include reproductive ethics and the culture of pregnancy and motherhood, public health ethics, the ethics of health communication, research ethics, methodological issues in medical research, and the social epistemology of medicine. Much of her research bridges bioethics, epistemology and philosophy of language.

Kukla is the editor-in-chief of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal and is former editor-in-chief of Public Affairs Quarterly. She is also the former co-coordinator of the Feminist Approaches to Bioethics Network. She is the author or editor of several books and numerous articles, and has been an invited speaker at approximately 100 universities.

Recent research has focused on ethical and epistemological issues surrounding risk reasoning and communication. She explores these issues at all levels of medical practice, from trial design and the interpretation of scientific results, to evidence-based medicine guidelines, to physician-patient communication, to health promotion campaigns and media representations of risk, to laypeople’s judgments and discussions about risk.

From 2003-2005, she was a Greenwall Fellow in Bioethics and Health Policy at Johns Hopkins University. In the summer of 2004, she was a visiting scholar at the United States Department of Agriculture, studying ethical issues concerning food and nutrition assistance programs. She also received a Sommelier Certification from Algonquin College in 2007.

Anne Drapkin Lyerly, MD, MA

Anne Lyerly, MD, MA, is professor of social medicine and associate director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She is also research professor in obstetrics and gynecology. Her research addresses socially and morally complex issues in women’s health and reproductive medicine, with a focus on how women and men assign meaning to reproductive events. A central goal of her work is to inform and reframe debates based on the views of the women and men most profoundly affected by them, and to appropriately weight these individuals’ interests in shaping reproductive health care.

Dr. Lyerly has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Wellcome Trust, and the Greenwall Foundation, including the Greenwall Faculty Scholars Program, and her work has appeared in numerous journals, including Science, the Hastings Center Report, and The American Journal of Public Health, as well as the New York Times and Huffington Post. She was the 2007-2009 chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee on Ethics, and co-chair of the 2009 Program Committee for the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities. She serves on the March of Dimes National Bioethics Committee and the National Institutes of Health Advisory Committee to the Director’s Working Group on Stem Cell Research.
After the event, you can watch speaker presentations or access links to the readings at [https://www.med.wisc.edu/news-and-events/bioethics-symposium/](https://www.med.wisc.edu/news-and-events/bioethics-symposium/)

**Alta Charo, JD**
R. Alta Charo is the Warren P. Knowles Professor of Law and Bioethics at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. In the past, she also has served on the faculty of the UW Master of Science in Biotechnology Program and the Department of Medical History and Bioethics at the School of Medicine and Public Health. Charo offers courses on public health law, bioethics, biotechnology law, food and drug law, reproductive rights, stem cell policy, torts and legislative drafting. In addition, she has served on the Hospital Ethics Committee, the UW institutional review board for the protection of human subjects in medical research, and the university’s bioethics advisory committee.

**Norman Fost, MD, MPH**
Norman Fost earned his medical degree at Yale and his masters of public health at Harvard. He completed residency training in pediatrics, spent two years as chief resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and completed a fellowship in the Kennedy Program in Law, Medicine and Ethics at Harvard. Since 1973 he has been at the University of Wisconsin—Madison where he was professor of pediatrics and bioethics; director of the program in medical ethics; and vice chair of the Department of Medical History and Bioethics. Besides his work as a general pediatrician, he also chaired the Hospital Ethics Committee for 25 years and the health sciences institutional review board for 31 years.

**Pilar Ossorio, PhD, JD**
Pilar Ossorio is professor of law and bioethics at the University of Wisconsin—Madison where she is on the faculties of the Law School and the Department of Medical History and Bioethics. In 2011, she became the inaugural ethics scholar-in-residence at the Morgridge Institute for Research, the private, nonprofit research institute that is part of the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery. She also serves as the co-director of UW’s law and neuroscience program, as a faculty member in the UW Master of Science in Biotechnology Program, and as program faculty in the graduate program in population health. Prior to taking her position at UW, she was director of the genetics section of the Institute for Ethics at the American Medical Association, and taught as adjunct faculty at the University of Chicago Law School.

**Karola Kreitmair, PhD**
Karola Kreitmair is assistant professor in the Department of Medical History and Bioethics at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. Kreitmair’s scholarly work includes topics both in clinical and research ethics. Within clinical ethics, she is working on the implications of the minimally conscious state diagnosis, arguing that the reification of such a neurological state raises a number of justice, beneficence, patient preference and stewardship concerns. Kreitmair is also working on issues surrounding deep brain stimulation, specifically concerning effects of self-estrangement.

**Suggested Readings**


