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Editor's Note

The *Annals of Health Law* is proud to present the Twelfth Issue of our online, student-written publication, *Advance Directive*. *Advance Directive* aims to support and encourage student scholarship in the area of health law and policy. In this vein, this issue explores the legal and ethical challenges facing medical providers. The authors examine a variety of issues related to legal ethics, ranging from assisted suicide to minor abortions.

The Issue begins with a concentrated look at legal ethics in Illinois. First, we examine whether the judicial bypass procedure should ethically be used in Illinois to grant abortions to minors. Our authors also explore whether Illinois should pass a death with dignity act that will allow physician assisted suicide and active euthanasia, and we argue that Illinois should allow physicians to refuse to provide futile care. Then, our authors discuss if Illinois should change its Medicaid Asset Recovery to more fairly recover assets from patients. Our authors also discuss if mandatory physician reporting of gun shot wounds in Chicago is a good policy.

Our Issue continues with an analysis of legal ethical policies in other states. First, we consider child immunization waivers, specifically examining California's policy. We also examine whether Michigan should allow medical providers to prescribe expedited partner therapy.

Finally, our Issue concludes an analysis of broad changes to legal ethics throughout the United States. First, we examine whether assisted death is a viable option for terminally ill adolescents in the United States. Then, we look at the United States' blood donor policy unfairly bans the donation of blood by homosexual men. We also look at the dangers of prescribing off-label antipsychotic medications to the elderly and children in foster care. Our authors examine another danger: the use of multiple predicate devices in medical devices. We next look at the ethics involved in physician marketing on Groupon and the ethical considerations for the implementation of electronic medical records. We also discuss how the PPACA affects the moral integrity of corporations in regards to providing contraceptive care. Finally, we argue that stem cell therapy used by athletes should be considered a form of cheating by national sports organizations.

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We hope you enjoy your Twelfth Issue of *Advance Directive*.

Sincerely,

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