

From the Editors

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ABSTRACT

The Co-Editors-in-Chief of the *Journal of Pediatric Ethics* welcome the reader to the first issue of the new journal.

Dear Reader,

Thank you for subscribing to the *Journal of Pediatric Ethics*! At Children's Minnesota, we realize, along with many of you, that the ethical issues arising in children and young adults are unique and deserve their own forum. In an effort to address this unmet need, we are establishing this journal to focus specifically on the ethical complexities that arise in pediatric medicine.

As an initial approach, each issue of the journal will be theme based. For our inaugural issue, we chose the topic of bias, given the growing recognition of the impact of bias on healthcare outcomes and health disparities. For subsequent issues in 2017, we will be soliciting articles on communication and on advanced care planning/limitations of treatment.

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The *Journal of Pediatric Ethics* is also interested to hear from families enmeshed in these complex ethical cases. The Family Voice section will be dedicated to parents and families who have experienced situations related to each theme. Our hope is to provide a voice for all parts of a care team, not simply from the healthcare providers.

We are excited to bring you the first ethics journal specific to pediatrics. Our goal is to provide a resource that is useful to all who work with infants, children, and young adults across the spectrum of healthcare, research, and policy. We realize, however, that this is a daunting task with many challenges, and we view this endeavor as a work in progress.

We are looking to you, the reader, to guide us, through your provision of ideas, constructive feedback, and original research during the growing stages of this journal. We will be accepting and publishing letters to the editor in response to articles published, feedback on content, or recommendations for future issues, when appropriate. Together we hope that we can establish a journal that is worthy of the population for which we so passionately care.

Thank you again for your subscription to the journal and welcome to the first ever *Journal of Pediatric Ethics*.

Sincerely,
The Members of the Editorial Board