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Guest Faculty

Susan Dorr Goold, MD, MHSA, MA, is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of the Bioethics Program at the University of Michigan, where she earned her medical degree and her master’s in Health Management and Policy. She did her internal medicine residency at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research focuses on allocation of scarce healthcare resources, especially the priorities of patients and the public. Her projects, using an allocation simulation exercise, CHAT (Choosing Healthplans All Together), have involved educators, community organizations, employer groups, and others in over twenty states and several countries. She has served on editorial boards of the Annals of Internal Medicine, American Journal of Bioethics, the MIT Press, and Rowman and Littlefield, and on the boards for the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities and the International Society on Priorities in Health Care. In 2007 she was appointed to the American Medical Association’s Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.

Marjorie Ginsburg, MPH, is the founder and Executive Director of Sacramento Healthcare Decisions (SHD). An independent nonprofit organization formed in 1994, its purpose is to involve the public in improving healthcare policy and practice. For the past eight years, her work has focused primarily on identifying societal decisions on the use of finite healthcare resources. She also works with other states in their efforts to involve citizens in setting coverage priorities. Marge currently serves on NCQA’s Committee on Performance Measurement, the board of Integrated Healthcare Association, California Technology Assessment Forum and California Hospital Assessment & Reporting Task Force (CHAT). Previously, she was co-chair of the California Coalition for Compassionate Care and served on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation National Advisory Committee for its initiative Community-State Partnerships to Improve End-of-Life Care. Prior to moving to Sacramento in 1990, she spent 15 years in management and administration of community-based geriatric services in San Francisco.

David Sundwall, MD, is the Executive Director of the Utah State Department of Health. He is also President of the Association of State & Territorial Health Officers. Dr. Sundwall received his M.D. from the University of Utah School of Medicine and did his residency at Harvard. He has practiced and continues to practice Primary Care Medicine. He was the administrator for the Health Resources and Services Administration and was the Assistant Surgeon General for the U.S. Public Health Service and the Co-Chair of the HHS Task Force on Medical Liability and Malpractice. He was the President of the American Clinical Laboratory Association. He has been the Chair of the Council on Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Sundwall has held faculty appointments at three major medical schools and has authored numerous original medical publications and book chapters.

Allan Ainsworth, PhD, is the executive director of Watsatch Homeless Health Care, Inc., a position he has held since 1988. Dr. Ainsworth received his Ph.D. in medical anthropology at the University of Utah in 1984. He has worked with marginalized peoples for the last 30 years, including projects with the Zuni Tribe of New Mexico, the Hopi Tribe of Arizona, and the Tulalip Tribes and Quinault Tribe of Washington State. Allan is the past chair of the Board of Directors of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council and sits on a number of state and local boards in Utah. He received the National Association of Community Health Centers’ Elizabeth K. Cooke Advocacy MVP Award in March of 2008.

Local Faculty:

Jay Jacobson, MD, MACP, Chief, Division of Medical Ethics and Humanities, Member, Division of Infectious Diseases, Professor of Internal Medicine.

Leslie P. Francis, PhD, JD, Chair, Department of Philosophy. Alfred C. Emery Professor of Law, Professor of Philosophy, Adjunct Professor of Internal Medicine, Member of the Division of Medical Ethics and Humanities.

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Target Audience:
- Health Care Professionals
- Academics
- Policy Makers
- Practicing and Academic Physicians
- Anyone interested in improving our healthcare system

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