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A Bit about Bioethics...

A Handbook of Bioethics Terms

You found a reference to the “Schiavo case” in your readings and haven’t a clue what it was all about. Find a succinct summary of the event, the legal maneuvers that ensued, and the public response.

Reference R725.5 .T83 2009

Encyclopedia of Bioethics

“I will respect the secrets which are confided in me, even after the patient has died.” Sounds, great, but is it a quote from the Hippocratic Oath? Find out in this multivolume source that contains an entire section, “Ethical Directives for the Practice of Medicine.”

Reference 174.95703 E56e 2004

Medicine, Health, and Bioethics: Essential Primary Sources

Contemplate the bioethical ramifications of the first administration of rabies vaccine by Louis Pasteur to a human subject, the child Joseph Meister, as depicted in Laurent-Lucien Gsell’s 1886 lithograph of the event. The lithograph and explanation of the circumstances surrounding the vaccination can be found in this source of primary documents that include artwork, advertisements, news and personal accounts of historic events.

Reference 174.2 M4895m 2006

Source Book in Bioethics: A Documentary History

Al Gore chaired a hearing on human genetic engineering for the Investigations & Oversight Subcommittee of the House Science and Technology Committee in 1982. Among the presentations was the final report of President’s Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research (appointed by Jimmy Carter) that included a section: “Splicing Life: a Report on the Social and Ethical Issues of Genetic Engineering with Human Beings.” Find excerpts of the report among the primary documents here.

Reference 174.209 S724s

Bioethics Library at Georgetown University

Want more information? Most of the time the Bioethics Library at Georgetown University, which contains 300,000 books and journal articles is open to the public. Unfortunately, it’s closed for renovations until the last week in May, but you can still contact the Library for help—and visit it when it reopens.

<http://bioethics.georgetown.edu>

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