The Second Paper Topics
PHIL 222W: Medical Ethics
Spring 2008

Topics

Choose one topic from the three following:

1. Ms. A, a pregnant 24-year old woman with two children, takes various illegal drugs that have been shown to greatly increase the likelihood of birth defects and children’s susceptibility to illness after birth. She also smokes and drinks a lot. Would it be acceptable for society to regulate Ms. A’s behavior?

2. Matthew Hollon in his essay, “Direct-to-Consumer Marketing of Prescription Drug”, argues that the effect of Direct-to-Consumer marketing changes the physician-patient relationship. What does he mean? Do you agree on his claim?


4. Nursing has traditionally had a subservient role – physicians prescribe and order, and nurses carry out the orders. This role is increasingly unsatisfactory to medicine. What kind of new role in nursing can we think of so we view that nurses are autonomous and independent from physicians? What does the autonomy of nursing mean in medical practice? Or, should nursing be autonomous? Critically discuss your stance.

Guideline for Submission

Due Thursday, March 20, 2008.

You are expected to choose one topic from the four listed above, and bring three copies of your draft (and three copies of Peer-Review on the D2L course site) to the class on Thursday, March 20.

Your paper needs to be (1) 3-4 page long, (2) double-spaced, (3) 12 font, (4) 1” margin on all sides, (5) paginated, (6) no cover sheet (i.e. Title and name on page 1), and (7) no typos or grammatical mistakes.

Please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy on the syllabus, and read “Plagiarism: what it is and how to avoid it” on the D2L course site.

The draft of your paper along with three peer-evaluations will constitute 5% of your final grade.