

PHILO 254 Ethical Issues in Biology & Medical Care:

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This course deals with the big philosophical questions of life and death, what makes us human, and what manipulations of the body and mind go too far or not far enough. Questions to be raised include: When should life sustaining medical care be discontinued? Does everyone deserve good health and access to health care? From an ethical point of view, who can be used to test the safety and effectiveness of new drugs or therapies? What limits, if any, should be put on genetic research that involves the use and modification of living organisms to create new products?

Required Text:

Jessica Pierce and George Randels, *Contemporary Bioethics*, Oxford University Press, 2010.