



Second Biennial Seminar in Health Law and Bioethics

“RATIONING ACCESS TO CARE IN A HIGH-COST GLOBAL ECONOMY”

A joint initiative of
The Department of Health Law, Bioethics and Human Rights, Boston University School of Public Health, and
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The National School of Public Health, New University of Lisbon
30-31 May 2007
Boston, Massachusetts, USA

PROGRAM

Wednesday, 30 May 2007

Barristers Hall, Boston University School of Law

- 3:00 p.m. **Welcome – Dean Robert F. Meenan**
Boston University School of Public Health
- 3:15 p.m. **Choosing a Legal and Ethical Framework for Access to Care:
Perspectives from Both Sides of the Atlantic**
- **“The Portuguese Universal Health System” – Paula Lobato Faria**
*Professor, Health Law and Biolaw, National School of Public Health
New University of Lisbon*
 - **“Social Solidarity and Actuarial Fairness in Health Insurance Systems” –
Wendy Mariner**
*Professor, Department of Health Law, Bioethics & Human Rights
Boston University School of Public Health*
- 4:00 p.m. **Discussion**
4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday, 31 May 2007

Barristers Hall, Boston University School of Law

- 8:45 a.m. **Welcome – Wendy Mariner and Paula Lobato Faria**
- 9:00 a.m. **Perspectives on Rights to Health and Health Care**
- **“The Human Right to Health” – Michael Grodin**
*Professor of Bioethics and Human Rights
Department of Health Law, Bioethics & Human Rights
Boston University School of Public Health*
 - **“Human Rights and Biomedical Research: Ways of Overcoming the 10-90 Gap” –
Jan Helge Solbakk**
*Professor and Chair, Division, Ethics of Science and Technologies
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations*

- **“Constitutional Principles Affecting Rights to Health Care”** – Eleanor Kinney
*Professor and Director, Latin American Law Program
Indiana University School of Law*

10:00 a.m. **Discussion**

10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**

10:45 a.m. **Access to Biotechnology in a Global Economy**

- **“Rationing HIV/AIDS Treatment in Africa: Ethical and Human Rights Dimensions”** – George Annas

*Edward R. Utley Professor and Chair
Department of Health Law, Bioethics & Human Rights
Boston University School of Public Health*

- **“Equitable Distribution of AIDS Drugs”** – Jon Simon

*Associate Professor and Chair, Department of International Health
Boston University School of Public Health*

- **“The Role of Race and Ethnicity in Drug Development and Distribution”** – Winnie Roche

*Associate Professor, Department of Health Law, Bioethics & Human Rights
Boston University School of Public Health*

11:45 a.m. **Discussion**

12:30 noon **Lunch Break**

3:00 p.m. **The Effect of Cost Control on Rights to Care**

- **“Are Cost Controls Legal and Ethical? A European Perspective”** – Jorge Simões

*Professor, Health Politics
University of Aveiro*

- **“Does Cost Control Beget a Duty to Be Healthy?”** – Leonard Glantz

*Professor, Department of Health Law, Bioethics & Human Rights
Boston University School of Public Health*

- **“Aging and Rights: The Vulnerability of the Elderly in the Context of Growing Longevity”** – Ana Fernandes and Paula Guimaraes

*Professor, Health Demography, National School of Public Health
New University of Lisbon*

*and
Jurist*

Portuguese Liaison Officer of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

4:00 p.m. **Discussion**

4:30 p.m. **Seminar Conclusion**