Second Biennial Seminar in Health Law and Bioethics

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

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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