SUBSET OF “MAJOR ISSUE” SUBJECT HEADINGS IN THE BIOETHICS THESAURUS

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Note: The 125 Subject Headings on this selected list are a subset of the over 1,100 Subject Headings in the Bioethics Thesaurus. They represent major issues that are often discussed in the bioethics literature. The alphabetical list is followed by a display of the Subject Headings in ten easy-to-browse subject categories.

BASIC SEARCH TIPS
(IMSE Database “Basic Search” page: http://imse.library.georgetown.edu.)

• To search a term as either a primary or a secondary topic of discussion, enter the exact term in the “Keyword (anywhere)” search box. Example: organ donation

• To focus a search on a Subject Heading as a primary topic of discussion, go to “Subject Heading” on the pull-down menu and enter the term followed by [pri] in double quotes. Example: “organ donation[pri]”

“MAJOR ISSUE” SUBJECT HEADINGS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

ABORTION (also SELECTIVE ABORTION)
ACTIVE EUTHANASIA (consider also ALLOWING TO DIE; ASSISTED SUICIDE; EUTHANASIA; VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA)
ADVANCE DIRECTIVES (also ADVANCE DIRECTIVE ADHERENCE; LIVING WILLS)
AIDS (also HIV INFECTIONS; HIV SEROPOSITIVITY)
ALLOWING TO DIE (also ARTIFICIAL FEEDING; consider also RESUSCITATION ORDERS)
ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION (also ANIMAL RIGHTS; ANIMAL WELFARE)
ASSISTED SUICIDE (consider also ACTIVE EUTHANASIA)
AUTHORSHIP
BEGINNING OF LIFE
BEHAVIOR CONTROL
BEHAVIORAL GENETICS
BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH
BENEFIT SHARING
BIODIVERSITY
BIOETHICAL ISSUES
BIOETHICS (also CLINICAL ETHICS; RESEARCH ETHICS; consider also BIOETHICAL ISSUES)
BIOLICAL SPECIMEN BANKS
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
BIOTECHNOLOGY
BLOOD DONATION
BRAIN DEATH
CHIMERAS
CLINICAL GENETICS
CLINICAL TRIALS (also CONTROLLED CLINICAL TRIALS)
CLONING (also ANIMAL CLONING)
CODES OF ETHICS
COMMODIFICATION
CONFIDENTIALITY (consider also GENETIC PRIVACY; PRIVACY)
CONFLICT OF INTEREST
CONTRACEPTION
COSMETIC SURGERY (consider also COSMETIC TECHNIQUES)
CULTURE (also CROSS-CULTURAL COMPARISON; CULTURAL PLURALISM)
DETERMINATION OF DEATH
DNA FINGERPRINTING
DUAL USE RESEARCH
DUTY TO WARN
ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY
EMBRYO RESEARCH (also RESEARCH EMBRYO CREATION; consider also FETAL RESEARCH)
EMBRYOS
ENHANCEMENT TECHNOLOGIES (consider also COSMETIC SURGERY or COSMETIC TECHNIQUES; GENETIC ENHANCEMENT; LIFE EXTENSION)
ETHICAL REVIEW (consider also ETHICS COMMITTEES)
ETHICISTS (also ETHICS CONSULTATION)
ETHICS COMMITTEES (also ADVISORY COMMITTEES; CLINICAL ETHICS COMMITTEES; RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES)
EUGENICS
EUTHANASIA (prefer ACTIVE EUTHANASIA, ALLOWING TO DIE, or VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA)
FETAL RESEARCH (consider also EMBRYO RESEARCH)
FETUSES (also ABORTED FETUSES; FETAL THERAPY; FETAL TISSUE DONATION)
GENE THERAPY
GENETIC COUNSELING
GENETIC DATABASES
GENETIC ENGINEERING
GENETIC ENHANCEMENT
GENETIC INFORMATION
GENETIC INTERVENTION
GENETIC PATENTS
GENETIC PRIVACY
GENETIC RESEARCH (also RECOMBINANT DNA RESEARCH)
GENETIC TESTING
GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD
GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (also GENETICALLY MODIFIED ANIMALS; GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS)
GENOMICS (also PERSONAL GENOMICS)
HEALTH (consider also MENTAL HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH)
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“MAJOR ISSUE” BIOETHICS SUBJECT HEADINGS BY BROAD SUBJECT AREA

Bioethics and Professional Ethics

- ADVISORY COMMITTEES
- BIOETHICAL ISSUES
- BIOETHICS
  - CLINICAL ETHICS
  - RESEARCH ETHICS (also at BR)
- CODES OF ETHICS
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- ETHICAL REVIEW
- ETHICISTS
- ETHICS COMMITTEES
  - CLINICAL ETHICS COMMITTEES
  - RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES (also at BR)
- ETHICS CONSULTATION
- INSTITUTIONAL ETHICS
- MISCONDUCT
  - SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT (also at BR)
- MORAL STATUS
- PERSONHOOD (also at RA)
- PROFESSIONAL ETHICS
- MEDICAL ETHICS
- NURSING ETHICS

Biomedical and Behavioral Research

- ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION
- ANIMAL WELFARE
  - ANIMAL RIGHTS
- AUTHORSHIP
- BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH
- BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
- CLINICAL TRIALS
  - CONTROLLED CLINICAL TRIALS
- DUAL USE RESEARCH
- EMBRYO RESEARCH
  - RESEARCH EMBRYO CREATION
- FETAL RESEARCH
- GENETIC RESEARCH (also at GE)
  - RECOMBINANT DNA RESEARCH (also at Genetics, Cloning, and Stem Cells))
- HUMAN EXPERIMENTATION
- NONTHERAPEUTIC RESEARCH
- NANOTECHNOLOGY (also at HP)
- NEUROSCIENCES (also at MH)
- PATENTS
  - GENETIC PATENTS (also at GE)
- RESEARCH ETHICS (also at BE)
- RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES (also at BE)
- RESEARCH SUBJECTS
- SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT(also at BE)

Death, Euthanasia, and Prolongation of Life

- ADVANCE DIRECTIVES
  - ADVANCE DIRECTIVE ADHERENCE
  - LIVING WILLS
- ALLOWING TO DIE
  - ARTIFICIAL FEEDING
- ASSISTED SUICIDE
- BRAIN DEATH
- DETERMINATION OF DEATH
- EUTHANASIA
  - ACTIVE EUTHANASIA
  - VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA
  - PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE
  - RESUSCITATION ORDERS
  - RIGHT TO DIE
  - TERMINAL CARE
  - TERMINAL SEDATION

Genetics, Cloning, and Stem Cells

- BEHAVIORAL GENETICS
- BIODIVERSITY
- BIOLOGICAL SPECIMEN BANKS
- BIOTECHNOLOGY
- CHIMERAS
- CLINICAL GENETICS
- CLONING (also at RA)
  - ANIMAL CLONING
- DNA FINGERPRINTING
- EUGENICS
- GENE THERAPY
- GENETIC COUNSELING
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  - INDUCED PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS
- SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY

Health Care and Public Health

- AIDS
  - HIV INFECTIONS
  - HIV SEROPOSITIVITY
  - BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
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