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Rimon-Zarfaty, Nitzan; Raz, Aviad E; Hashiloni-Dolev, Yael
When does a fetus become a person? An Israeli viewpoint.
The journal of family planning and reproductive health care / Faculty of Family Planning & Reproductive Health Care, Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists 2011 Oct; 37(4): 216-24
Abstract: 'Biological' and 'human' life or 'personhood' are not necessarily identical. While the Catholic Church does not separate the two, concluding that human life commences at conception, Judaism endows the fetus with personhood gradually throughout the pregnancy. Gradualism is also reflected in many Western abortion laws that prohibit 'late abortion'. Importantly, the Israeli law does not prohibit abortion at any stage of pregnancy. To examine attitudes regarding the status of the fetus vis-a-vis its stages of development, a questionnaire presenting ten successive stages was distributed to Israeli respondents (n = 281). For each stage participants were asked to grade the fetus as having 'personhood' or as a 'living organism' on a five-point scale. Data were analysed to show frequency distribution.

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Falardeau, Marlène
[Respect towards people with alzheimer's disease]. = Le respect à l'égard des personnes ayant une démence de type Alzheimer.
Abstract: The quality of life and the dignity of the residents with Alzheimer dementia (AD) passes by the respect that is demonstrated to them. A study conducted in Quebec (Canada) seeks to define the concrete manifestations of this concept often put forward but rarely made explicit. Elements of answer are found in the attitude of the caregivers as well as in the environment and the activities proposed to the elderly.

Document 3
Rurup, M L; Pasman, H R W; Kerkhof, A J F M; Deeg, D J H; Onwuteaka-Philipsen, B D
[Older people who are 'weary of life': their expectations for the future and perceived hopelessness]. = Ouderen die 'klaar met leven' zijn: Toekomstverwachtingen en ervaren uitzichtloosheid.
Tijdschrift voor gerontologie en geriatrie 2011 Sep; 42(4): 159-69
Abstract: There has been a debate for over a decade in The Netherlands about whether physicians should be allowed to provide assistance with suicide to older people who are 'weary of life'. Actual knowledge about these older people is missing in this debate. The purpose of this article is to explore and discuss the expectations older people who are 'weary of life' have of their future, and to what extent they perceive their suffering as hopeless. In this qualitative study, 31 older people who were 'weary of life' were interviewed. The results of this study show that most respondents who were 'weary of life' did not plan to end their life within a short time frame. The burden to their loved ones played a large role in their decision in addition to the awareness of still having reasons to live. Most respondents
could not name a condition that would diminish their wish to die, that they also found desirable and feasible. The results of this study suggest that people who develop thoughts about death do so when they give up finding solutions to improve their situation.

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Snow, Tamsin

**New alliance will tackle barriers to dignified care of older people.**

*Nursing standard* (Royal College of Nursing (Great Britain) : 1987) 2011 Jul 27-Aug 2; 25(47): 9

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Cox, Daniel R A

**The problems with utilitarian conceptions of personhood in the abortion debate.**

*Journal of medical ethics* 2011 May; 37(5): 318-20

**Abstract:** This article seeks to explore utilitarian conceptions of personhood which for a long time have been employed as part of a rational moral justification for the termination of pregnancy. Michael Tooley’s desires-based rights approach to personhood presented in his work Abortion and Infanticide is considered and, it is argued, is found wanting when one considers unconscious adults and their ability to desire life. This article will offer that unconscious sleeping individuals only have the potential to regain the capacity to value their own life and, as such, under Tooley’s formula for personhood, temporarily lose their status as a person. Following this, John Harris’s utilitarian views on the status of the sleeping adult will be considered and deconstructed to show that, like Tooley, his ascription for personhood falls down at the sleeping adult. This article illustrates that utilitarian conceptions of personhood leave the sleeping adult human devoid of the rights of a person and hence render the value of this consequentialist theory, with regard to the idea of personhood, in severe doubt. The paper argues that utilitarian conceptions of personhood do little more than obstruct the worthy debate over the morality of abortion.

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Vidal Milla, A

**Without people there is no quality: the name matters.** = *Sin las personas no hay calidad: el nombre importa.*


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Fenigsen, Richard

**Other people's lives: reflections on medicine, ethics, and euthanasia. Part two: medicine versus euthanasia.**


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Blain, Stefanie; McKeever, Patricia

**Revealing personhood through biomusic of individuals without communicative interaction ability.**
**Abstract:** An increasing number of people are unable to engage in communicative interactions because of their inability to move, speak, and control traditional augmentative and alternative communication devices. According to social interactionist theory, the existence of the human self hinges on successful interaction with others; consequently, those who cannot interact are at risk of not being accorded personhood. This article is a request for research towards the development of technologies that would give caregivers access to the autonomic physiological signals of individuals who are unable to communicate. It explores the hypothesis that meaningful manifestation of signals that change according to mental and emotional states will reveal individual personhood. We hypothesize that music is ideally suited as the basis of interaction with this population, and that physiologically driven musical expression is a form of individual biomusic that can enrich social interaction.
Development of mediumship is not just therapeutic but prophylactic. And traumas (of spirits and persons) must not simply be acknowledged but metabolised through the execution of good mediumship. More importantly, people's existences are chemically and psychologically entangled with those of their protective spirits, making of their 'selves' systems, rather than bounded essences. The author argues that such concepts of personhood offer alternative modes of understanding the self in relation to forms of otherness, including dysfunction and pathology.

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Aultman, Julie M

**The diseased embodied mind: constructing a conception of mental disease in relation to the person.**

Medicine, health care, and philosophy 2010 Nov; 13(4): 321-32

**Abstract:** Without a better understanding of mental disease, patients diagnosed with a mental disease may be mistreated clinically and/or socially, and caregivers and families may be wrongfully blamed for causing the disease and/or for not effectively helping and developing meaningful relationships with the patient as person. In trying to understand mental disease and why its various dimensions raise difficulties for our systems of classification and our medical models of diagnosis and treatment, a framework is required. This framework will connect metaphysical, epistemological, and ethical considerations in ways that are mutually supportive and illuminating. This, in turn, will benefit those who are diseased and those persons who study, classify, diagnose, and treat disease.

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McCarthy, Geraldine M; Landers, Margaret G

**A conceptual model of nursing: a model of personhood for Irish nursing.**

Nursing science quarterly 2010 Oct; 23(4): 343-7

**Abstract:** A model of personhood for nursing in Ireland based on Celtic society, Irish language, Irish customs, and the Catholic religion is discussed. Concepts central to the model are presented bilingually as a means of capturing the essence of nursing care in an Irish context. The adequacy of the model is considered from the perspective of the following evaluative criteria: social utility, social congruence, and social significance.

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Kaldjian, Lauris C; Shinkunas, Laura A; Bern-Klug, Mercedes; Schultz, Susan K

**Dementia, goals of care, and personhood: a study of surrogate decision makers' beliefs and values.**

The American journal of hospice & palliative care 2010 Sep; 27(6): 387-97

**Abstract:** Surrogate decision makers for persons with advanced dementia play a key role in making decisions about medical treatments for their loved ones. We conducted in-depth interviews of 20 surrogates to examine their goals of care preferences and beliefs about personhood. All surrogates believed the goal of comfort was important, and 30.0% believed that curing physical problems was important. Significant proportions of surrogates acknowledged dementia-related changes in patients' ability to reason, communicate, and relate to others. Qualitative findings demonstrated diverse beliefs regarding the impact of dementia on factors related to personhood, for example, dignity, respect from others, and having a life worth living. In conclusion, the surrogates we interviewed expressed diverse preferences regarding goals of care and diverse assessments about the impact of dementia on personhood.

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Schechtman, Marya

**Personhood and the practical.**
Theoretical medicine and bioethics 2010 Aug ; 31(4): 271-83

Abstract: Traditionally, it has been assumed that metaphysical and practical questions about personhood and personal identity are inherently linked. Neo-Lockean views that draw such a link have been problematic, leading to an opposing view that metaphysical and ethical questions about persons should be sharply distinguished. This paper argues that consideration of this issue suffers from an overly narrow conception of the practical concerns associated with persons that focuses on higher-order capacities and fails to appreciate basic practical concerns more directly connected to our animality. A more inclusive alternative is proposed.

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Jakobsen, Rita; Sørlie, Venke;
Dignity of older people in a nursing home: narratives of care providers.
Nursing ethics 2010 May ; 17(3): 289-300

Abstract: The purpose of this study was to illuminate the ethically difficult situations experienced by care providers working in a nursing home. Individual interviews using a narrative approach were conducted. A phenomenological-hermeneutic method developed for researching life experience was applied in the analysis. The findings showed that care providers experience ethical challenges in their everyday work. The informants in this study found the balance between the ideal, autonomy and dignity to be a daily problem. They defined the culture they work in as not supportive. They also thought they were not being seen and heard in situations where they disagree with the basic values of the organization. The results are discussed in terms of Habermas's understanding of modern society. Care settings for elderly people obviously present ethical challenges, particularly in the case of those suffering from dementia. The care provider participants in this study expressed frustration and feelings of powerlessness. It is possible to understand their experiences in terms of Habermas's theory of modern society and the concept of the system's colonization of the life world.

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Roden, Gregory J
Unborn children as constitutional persons.
Issues in law & medicine 2010 Spring; 25(3): 185-273

Abstract: In Roe v. Wade, the state of Texas argued that "the fetus is a 'person' within the language and meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment." To which Justice Harry Blackmun responded, "If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life would then be guaranteed specifically by the Amendment." However, Justice Blackmun then came to the conclusion "that the word 'person,' as used in the Fourteenth Amendment, does not include the unborn." In this article, it is argued that unborn children are indeed "persons" within the language and meaning of the Fourteenth and Fifth Amendments. As there is no constitutional text explicitly holding unborn children to be, or not to be, "persons," this argument will be based on the "historical understanding and practice, the structure of the Constitution, and the jurisprudence of [the Supreme] Court." Specifically, it is argued that the Constitution does not confer upon the federal government a specifically enumerated power to grant or deny "personhood" under the Fourteenth Amendment. Rather, the power to recognize or deny unborn children as the holders of rights and duties has been historically exercised by the states. The Roe opinion and other Supreme Court cases implicitly recognize this function of state sovereignty. The states did
exercise this power and held unborn children to be persons under the property, tort, and criminal law of the several states at the time Roe was decided. As an effect of the unanimity of the states in holding unborn children to be persons under criminal, tort, and property law, the text of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment compels federal protection of unborn persons. Furthermore, to the extent Justice Blackmun examined the substantive law in these disciplines, his findings are clearly erroneous and as a whole amount to judicial error. Moreover, as a matter of procedure, according to the due process standards recognized in Fifth Amendment jurisprudence of the Supreme Court, Roe v. Wade should be held null and void as to the rights and interests of unborn persons.

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Wadensten, Barbro; Ahlström, Gerd
**The struggle for dignity by people with severe functional disabilities**
Nursing Ethics 2009 July; 16(4): 453-465

*Abstract*: The purpose of this study was to investigate what strategies people with severe functional disabilities who receive personal assistance in their homes use in their daily life to achieve autonomy, integrity, influence and participation. Qualitative interviews were carried out and subjected to qualitative latent content analysis. The main finding was expressed in terms of six subthemes: trying to keep a private sphere; striving to communicate; searching for possibilities; taking the initiative; striving to gain insight; and using one's temperament. These generated the overall theme: maintaining dignity in close relationships. This study contributes an understanding of the strategies used by people who are dependent on personal assistance. Future efforts in nursing must focus on supporting personal assistants with ethical knowledge and guidance in order that people with severe functional disabilities are empowered to achieve autonomy, integrity, influence and participation in their daily lives.
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*Persons and their parts: new reproductive technologies and risks of commodification.*

**Abstract:** This paper explores one aspect of the social implications of new reproductive technologies, namely, the impact such technologies have on our understandings of family structures and our expectations of children. In particular it considers whether the possibilities afforded by such technologies result in a more contractual and commodified understanding of children. To do this the paper outlines the possibilities afforded by NRTs and their commodificatory tendencies; second, it explores the commodification debate using the somewhat parallel example of commodification of organs; and third, in light of these debates the link between the commodification of body parts and persons is addressed. It will argue that there is a prime facie connection between body parts and persons and thus, although needing to be balanced with other ethically relevant factors, commodification remains an issue of ethical concern. Accordingly we should only be supporting potentially commodifying practices when there are ethically pressing reasons to do so (such as in organ transplantation). Moreover given this link between body part and persons we should attempt to lessen commodifying attitudes and thus should resist the increasing use of practices which regard children as having choose-able parts.

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Reproductive autonomy, the non-identity problem, and the non-person problem

Bioethics 2009 January; 23(1): 59-67

Abstract: The Non-Identity Problem is the problem of explaining the apparent wrongness of a decision that does not harm people, especially since some of the people affected by the decision would not exist at all were it not for the decision. One approach to this problem, in the context of reproductive decisions, is to focus on wrongdoing, rather than harming, one's offspring. But a Non-Person Problem emerges for any view that claims (1) that only persons can be wronged and (2) that the person-making properties allow for there to be human non-persons. Consider an individual human organism that is prevented from ever possessing the person-making properties. On person-only accounts of the victims of wrongdoing, this organism cannot be wronged by anyone. Hence even individuals whose decisions prevent it from ever possessing the person-making properties cannot wrong it. But this is counter-intuitive. We can think of examples where a human organism is wronged by precisely those decisions that prevent it from possessing the person-making properties. The best solution to this problem, in the case where the person-making property is rational self-governance in pursuit of a meaningful life, is to adjust the concept of a person so that it refers, not merely to those with the immediate capacity for rational self-governance in pursuit of a meaningful life, but also to those with a higher-order capacity for such self-governance. Any solution to the Non-Identity Problem that focuses on wrongdoing rather than harming should incorporate this sort of solution to the Non-Person Problem.
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Brugger, E. Christian
"Other selves": moral and legal proposals regarding the personhood of cryopreserved human embryos.
Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics 2009; 30(2): 105-129
Abstract: This essay has two purposes. The first is to argue that our moral duties towards human embryos should be assessed in light of the Golden Rule by asking the normative question, "how would I want to be treated if I were an embryo?" Some reject the proposition "I was an embryo" on the basis that embryos should not be recognized as persons. This essay replies to five common arguments denying the personhood of human embryos: (1) that early human embryos lack ontological individuation; (2) that they are members of the species Homo sapiens but not yet human persons; (3) that the argument for personhood commits the "heap argument" fallacy; (4) that since human procreation in nature is inefficient, human embryos cannot be persons; and (5) the "burning building" scenario proves that all arguments for personhood are irrational or inconsistent. The second purpose is to set forth and criticize in light of the normative judgement defended in part one the present legal situation of cryo-preserved embryos in the U.S. The essay ends by proposing legislative reforms to protect ex utero human embryos.

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Common ground on surgical abortion? – engaging Peter Singer on the moral status of potential persons.
Journal of Medicine and Philosophy 2008 December; 33(6): 577-593
Abstract: The debate over surgical abortion is certainly one of the most divisive in ethical discourse and for many it seems interminable. However, this paper argues that a primary reason for this is confusion with regard to what issues are actually under dispute. When looking at an entrenched and articulate figure on one side of the debate, Peter Singer, and comparing his views with those of his opponents, one finds that the disputed issue is actually
quite a narrow one: the moral status of potential persons. Finding this common ground clears the conceptual space for a fruitful argument: the thesis of which is that most, including Singer, who argue that potential persons do not have full personal moral status fail to make the necessary distinction between natural potential (which confers moral status) and practical potential (which admittedly does not).

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Garcia, Laura L.
**Natural kinds, persons, and abortion**
National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly 2008 Summer; 8(2): 265-273

*Abstract:* The author focuses on the claim that some human beings are not human persons, and that only human persons deserve the kind of moral regard we expect for ourselves. Drawing from the insights of philosophers Michael Loux and Saul Kripke, she argues that attempts to divide human beings into persons and nonpersons have no philosophical or scientific basis, hence no objective ontological force. Rather, there are strong reasons to believe that, necessarily, every human being is a human person.
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Shaw, David Martin

**Moral qualms, future persons, and embryo research.**

Bioethics 2008 May; 22(4): 218-223

**Abstract:** Many people have moral qualms about embryo research, feeling that embryos must deserve some kind of protection, if not so much as is afforded to persons. This paper will show that these qualms serve to camouflage motives that are really prudential, at the cost of also obscuring the real ethical issues at play in the debate concerning embryo research and therapeutic cloning. This in turn leads to fallacious use of the Actions/Omissions Distinction and ultimately neglects the duties that we have towards future persons.

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Mahon, Margaret M.; Sorrell, Jeanne M.

**Palliative care for people with Alzheimer's disease**

Nursing Philosophy 2008 April; 9(2): 110-120

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**The dying person: an existential being until the end of life**

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Penner, Paul S.; Hull, Richard T.

**The beginning of individual human personhood**


**Abstract:** Even for persons who hold to the ethical acceptance of abortion practices in general, questions of detail often arise. If you assume the distinction between the physical human organism alone and the person that is associated with that organism, then you must face the question of whether it is permissible to abort a fetus if the corresponding person has come into being. We take the position that the abortion of a fetus that has achieved this level of development should be declared unethical except in special circumstances. Our purpose here is to identify the point in the development of the fetus that serves as the marker for this level.

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**Criticizing and reforming segregated facilities for persons with disabilities**


**Abstract:** In this paper, we critically appraise institutions for people with disabilities, from residential facilities to outpatient clinics to social organizations. While recognizing that a just and inclusive society would reject virtually all segregated institutional arrangements, we argue that in contemporary American society, some people with disabilities may have needs that at this time can best be met by institutional arrangements. We propose ways of reforming institutions to make them less isolating, coercive, and stigmatizing, and to provide forms of social support the larger society denies many people with disabilities. Although these reforms fall far short of abolition, they draw heavily on the work of disability scholars and advocates who call for the complete replacement of institutional arrangements with systems of supported living. The consideration of non-ideal-solutions is useful not only in reforming existing institutional arrangements, but in bringing disability scholarship and advocacy to bear on bioethics, which has paid little attention to institutions for people with disabilities. We intend this paper to redress the neglect within mainstream bioethics of the complex ethical problems posed by institutions.

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Feder Kittay, Eva

**At the margins of moral personhood**


**Abstract:** In this article I examine the proposition that severe cognitive disability is an impediment to moral personhood. Moral personhood, as I understand it here, is articulated in the work of Jeff McMahan as that which confers a special moral status on a person. I rehearse the metaphysical arguments about the nature of personhood that ground McMahan's claims regarding the moral status of the "congenitally severely mentally retarded" (CSMR for short). These claims, I argue, rest on the view that only intrinsic psychological capacities are relevant to moral personhood: that is, that relational properties are generally not relevant. In addition, McMahan depends on an argument that species membership is irrelevant for moral consideration and a contention that privileging species membership is equivalent to a virulent nationalism (these will be discussed below). In consequence, the CSMR are excluded from moral personhood and their deaths are less significant as their killing is less wrong than that of persons. To throw doubt on McMahan's conclusions about the moral status and wrongness of killing the CSMR I question the exclusive use of intrinsic properties in the metaphysics of personhood, the dismissal of the moral importance of species membership, and the example of virulent nationalism as an apt analogy. I also have a lot to say about McMahan's empirical assumptions about the CSMR.

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**Disability, humanity, and personhood: a survey of moral concepts**


**Abstract:** Three of the articles included in this issue of the Journal of Medicine and Philosophy - Ron Amundson and Shari Tresky's "On a Bioethical Challenge to Disability Rights"; Rachel Cooper's "Can It Be a Good Thing to Be Deaf"; and Mark T. Brown's "The Potential of the Human Embryo" - interact (in various ways) with the concepts of disability, humanity, and personhood and their normative dimensions. As one peruses these articles, it becomes apparent that terms like "disability," "human being," and "person" carry with them great normative significance. There is, however, much disagreement concerning both the definition and the extension of such terms. This is significant because different terms and definitions are associated with different sets of normative requirements. In what follows we reconstruct the argument of each of the articles, and then offer some brief critical analysis intended to stimulate further thought about and discussion of the issues that each raises.

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Journal of Medical Ethics 2007 April; 33(4): 225-228

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argue that both claims are flawed. Starting with the second claim, which is grounded in Brock’s moral absolutist position, I argue that Brock has provided no argument on why the religious position should be less rational than the secular position. With regard to the first claim, I argue that those who hold the view that the early embryo has full moral status can be consistent even if they do not oppose sexual reproduction, even if they do not grieve as much over the loss of embryos as over the loss of other humans, even if they prefer to save one child instead of 100 embryos in the event of fire, and even if they do not accept racism and sexism.

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**Abstract:** There is no issue more central to the abortion debate than the controversial issue of whether the fetus is a moral person. Abortion-rights opponents almost universally claim that abortion is murder and should be legally prohibited because the fetus is a moral person at the moment of conception. Abortion-rights proponents almost universally deny the crucial assumption that the fetus is a person; on their view, whatever moral disvalue abortion involves does not rise to the level of murder and hence does not rise to the level of something that should be legally prohibited. In this essay, I argue that, under dualist assumptions about the nature of mind, the fetus is not a person until brain activity has begun.(i) First, I argue it is a necessary condition for a thing to be a moral person that it is (or has) a self. Second, I argue it is a necessary condition for a fetus to be (or have) a self, under dualist assumptions, that there has been some electrical activity in the brain. I conclude that a dualist can take the position that abortion ought to be legally permitted at least until the beginning of brain activity in the fetus. If I make no attempt to determine what conditions are sufficient for moral personhood; for this reason, the relevant claim about personhood is purely negative.

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Abstract: This paper explores some of the values that underpin health care and how these relate more specifically to the values and ethics of palliative care. The paper focuses on the concept of autonomy because autonomy has emerged as a foundational concept in contemporary health care ethics and because this is an opportunity to scratch the surface of this concept in order to reveal something of its complexity, a necessary precaution when applying the concept to the context of palliative care. The paper begins with a theoretical discussion of autonomy exploring an aspect of its contemporary meaning and relevance to health care. The second part of the paper focuses more closely on how the principle of respect for autonomy can be applied in the context of palliative care. In this section an ethical framework is employed to explore a practical application of this principle within a broader context of respect for persons.

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Respect for persons, respect for integrity

Abstract: Even though respect for integrity is hailed in several authoritative legal and ethical documents, and is typically presented as a complement to respect for autonomy, it is largely neglected in many leading works in ethics. Is such neglect warranted, or does it express a prejudice? This article argues that the latter is the case, and that this is due to misplaced conceptual concerns. It offers some proposals as regards the conceptualization of integrity in social ethics in general and in biomedical ethics in particular. Five main directions of interpretation of "integrity" are discerned and shown to be relevant for different areas of biomedical ethics. The defense of respect for integrity is served by a softening of principlism and by greater attention to context among the initial critics of this principle.

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Abstract: Western culture has a few traditions of representing the human body - among them mortuary art (gisants), the freak show, the culture of the relics, renaissance art and pre-modern and modern anatomy. A historical analysis in the spirit of Norbert Elias is offered with regard to body - person relationship in anatomy. Modern anatomy is characterized by separating the story of the person from the story of the body, a strategy that is incompatible with the bio-psycho-social paradigm of clinical medicine. The paper discusses different aspects of the above traditions and how they might bear on this conflict and on contemporary bioethics and bedside practice.

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