



Consortium Ethics Program Seminar Series

Friday, February 11, 2022

9:00—10:30 am: Ethical and Social Issues in Precision Medicine and Pharmacogenomics



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OBJECTIVES:

- Distinguish precision medicine from genomic medicine, and how a focus on genomics raises some ethical and social concerns
- Identify ethical issues associated with precision medicine, including why some patients may benefit from it more than others
- Explain why pharmacogenomics is often thought to be ethically unproblematic, but presents some ethical challenges for patients, providers, insurers, and society

10:30 – 12:00 pm: Ethical Issues and Vulnerabilities Related to Ventricular Assist Devices



Laura Guidry-Grimes, PhD

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OBJECTIVES:

- Explain key differences between VADs and heart transplants that should impact ethical analysis for offering these interventions.
- Analyze the considerations for VAD eligibility from an ethics perspective.

On-line via Zoom—Registration Required

Contact Jody Stockdill at cep@pitt.edu for additional information.