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- Provide expert bioethics consultations for families, healthcare providers, researchers and policymakers
- Develop and present evocative educational programs that fuel useful debate on current bioethical issues
- Lead the next generation of clinicians, researchers and bioethicists to become the best thinkers in pediatric bioethics

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- Exploring the Ethical Boundaries of Pediatric Research
- Cases That Keep Us Awake at Night
- When Professional Boundaries and Personal Interests Collide
- Exploring the Boundaries of Clinical Ethics and Public Policy
- Ethical Issues in Prenatal and Neonatal Care
- Ethical Issues in Adolescent Health Care
- Genetic Testing in Children and Their Families
- When Parents and Providers Disagree about Medical Care
- Vaccination of Children
- Controversies in Pediatric Research Ethics

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