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The editors of the [Pediatric Ethics Consortium](#) website want to thank you for your participation in the PEC and the recent traffic on the site. We are continuing to work on the site, updating material, adding new information, and expanding our participants' directory. Read about some of the work we are doing, and find out how you can help make the site even better.

New Section – [Scholarship/Research](#)

Beginning the first week of June, the PEC site has added a new section dedicated to providing information on recent research and scholarship related to or impacting pediatric bioethics. Pages will provide links to [recently published articles](#) (note: in some cases, you will need to have personal/institutional journal subscriptions to access the articles—no copyright violations here, we hope). Editors [Kelly Michelson](#) and [Maggie Moon](#) plan to update the site approximately every 6 months.

The section has another function as well—namely, to help develop networking amongst scholars/researchers in the field. To facilitate this, there is a “[Research in Pediatric Ethics](#)” page on the site that will post research ideas by scholars/investigators looking to find collaborators. An [online form](#) is available to allow you to post this information along with you e-mail address, and hopefully, others will check out the posted information and get in touch. We think this will prove both unique and highly useful in building scholarly networks around the country (and beyond).

More Sections to Checkout

Of course, we hope that you take a moment to check out every part of the PEC website. The homepage provides brief information on the latest updates to the [News](#), [Fellowships](#), and [Jobs](#) sections, while the next upcoming conference (that we know about) is always posted on the homepage as well. But this is only the beginning. You will find more information about older news article by going to the [News](#) pages directly, and certainly many [fellowships](#) and [jobs](#) are still open for applications even if they are no longer on the homepage. Check them out older ads in the appropriate sections.

We continue to try to give PEC participants and other visitors to the site up-to-date information about [laws/cases](#) of importance, institutional [policies](#) from around the country, [conferences](#) of interest, many [related sites](#) on ethics and pediatrics, and potential [grant](#) sources for your professional work.

Also, with the newest iteration of the site, we have also added a section of “[Noteworthy](#)” [Stories](#), highlighting such media-catching events as Willowbrook, Baby Doe, and Ashley X (among others).

Again, check it all out!

We NEED your Help

I make this request often, and thus, maybe you’ve hit saturation with it. However, we *really do need your help*. [News stories](#) come from all over the world, and no one or two persons’ eyes can find them all. [Policies](#) of your institution are better discovered by you than by us trolling the internet. If you are hosting a [conference](#), let us help you get the word out. Have you found a site you think would be of interest to PEC participants?—let us know. [Laws and cases](#) exist in every jurisdiction. And surely, I can use help identifying those ethics-related stories that have shaped the way we approach medical care. Whatever the case, we need you to take just a moment to send us links, items, suggestions.

PEAG Getting Ready for October

A reminder that the Pediatric Ethics Affinity Group (PEAG) will meet once again at the [annual meeting](#) of the [American Society for Bioethics and Humanities](#) (ASBH)—San Diego, CA, October 21-24, 2010. With concern from the ASBH Board that there may be too many affinity groups for the Society to handle and that some existing groups may not be as active as others, this year the new coordinators, [Sabrina Derrington](#) and [Joe Saloma](#), want to help provide vision and staying power for the PEAG. To that end, the PEAG session will include discussion of a proposed mission statement and development of a focused action plan for the group. This is not

only a great way to network but a tremendous opportunity to get involved. Please put the PEAG on your calendar for the ASBH conference; the **PEAG meets Saturday, October 23 @ 5:45 pm**. If you are on the ASBH listserv, look for emails from Sabrina and Joe in the near future to solicit input and ideas for PEAG goals and objectives. If you are not on the ASBH listserv and would like to be included in this effort, please contact Sabrina directly at sderrington@chla.usc.edu

Participation

So, you may ask yourself, “What good is becoming a [PEC participant](#)?” Great question. Frankly, at one level, the answer is clear—“Nothing.” Your name and e-mail address go into an [online directory](#) for all to see—that’s it. But in another way, you get the *opportunity* to [network](#) with hundreds (yes, hundreds) of others, from many different disciplines, who are interested in pediatric ethics. *Consortium-building is valuable*, for you, and for the rest of us. [Ask others to come on-board as well](#). Thank you!

Below is contact information for the PEC editors. Let them know what you think. If you’d like to become an editor (co-editor), just contact [D. Micah Hester](#), PEC Coordinator.

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