

Editorial

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Twenty five years ago, the terms “nanomedicine,” “neuroethics,” and “global health law” did not exist. The Human Genome Project had not yet begun, and most human subjects research took place in North America and Europe. No World Wide Web or open access journals existed. All that has changed. As part of the new wave, Dove Press is launching a new journal, *Medicolegal and Bioethics* as an online, open-access, peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary and international journal we aim to meet rigorous intellectual standards, yet deliver content rapidly. The journal will grow from cross-fertilization and creative tension not only among disciplines but also among cultures.

As the journal’s title suggests, the range of topics we plan to explore in *Medicolegal and Bioethics* is broad – from evolving professional ethics to new developments in global health law and human rights, from comparative legal issues in regulation of pharmaceuticals to ethical problems in antiaging research. We invite original ethical, legal and empirical research as well as reviews, case reports, and analyses of new laws, guidelines and consensus statements.

Once successfully launched, *Medicolegal and Bioethics* will be indexed in PubMed. We have a distinguished international editorial board to ensure that submissions receive careful and impartial consideration and that *Medicolegal and Bioethics* is, for readers, a reliable source of high quality, timely scholarship. Part of my job as editor-in-chief is to listen to both readers and authors as our publication evolves. The journal is based on open access, and that includes its editor. I hope to hear from you soon about *Medicolegal and Bioethics*.

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