

Research Ethics Grand Rounds

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Medical Education and Telemedicine Building #145 (Learning Center)

Perri Klass MD

Prevention, Progress, and Persistent Disparities: Ethical Dilemmas and Infant Mortality



How has the world been transformed as we have come to look at childhood death as preventable, even "unnatural," rather than an inevitable part of parenthood and of pediatric practice? Dr. Klass will trace the dramatic improvements in infant and child mortality over the past 150 years, looking at the ways that these victories represent so many different campaigns in science, public health, medicine, and advocacy. Dr. Klass will elevate the ethical issues raised by this history, including how the movement to reduce infant mortality intersected with eugenics, issues of parental choice and autonomy, and the persistent racial disparities in infant and child mortality.

SPEAKER BIO: Dr. Perri Klass is Professor of Journalism and Pediatrics at New York University and Co-Director of NYU Florence. She attended Harvard Medical School and completed her residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital, Boston. Her medical journalism has appeared in a wide variety of publications, including Harpers, The Atlantic, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The New Yorker, The New England Journal of Medicine, and Harvard Medicine. She has written extensively about medicine, children, literacy, and knitting.

Dr. Klass is the National Medical Director of Reach Out and Read, a national program which promotes early literacy through pediatric primary care, with guidance about reading aloud for parents and children's books provided at routine well child visits. The program now reaches 4.2 million children a year, many of whom are growing up in poverty. In April 2021, Dr. Klass was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

TARGET AUDIENCE: UC San Diego scholars and researchers, physicians and medical students, nurses and community health professionals.

PRESENTER DISCLOSURES:

Financial Relationships: There are no financial relationships for this topic.

Declarations: There are no declarations for this topic.

The Research Ethics Grand Rounds are scheduled on a quarterly basis.
Questions? Please email Starr Culver at ethics@ucsd.edu

GOAL: The UC San Diego Research Ethics Program is cultivating a culture that supports inquiry and open conversations about the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of scientific research.

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify historical and current sources of infant and child mortality, and trends over time, including sources of persistent disparities.
- Assess campaigns that have targeted infant mortality and specific threats to child health and discuss ethical complexities.
- Interpret parental, medical, cultural, and literary responses to the threat and reality of infant and child mortality, and cultural changes reflecting the decreases of the past century.

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