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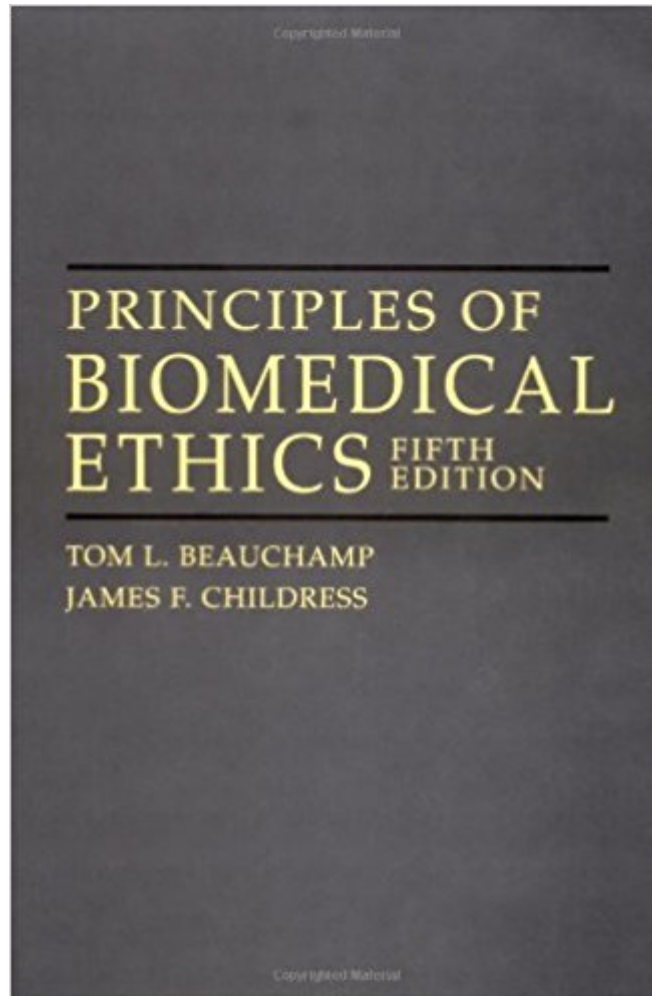
Synopsis

This edition represents a thorough-going revision of what has become a classic text in biomedical ethics. Major structural changes mark the revision. The authors have added a new concluding chapter on methods that, along with its companion chapter on moral theory, emphasizes convergence across theories, coherence in moral justification, and the common morality. They have simplified the opening chapter on moral norms which introduces the framework of prima facie moral principles and ways to specify and balance them. Together with the shift of advanced material on theory to the back of the book, this heavily revised introductory chapter will make it easier for the wide range of students entering bioethics courses to use this text. Another important change is the increased emphasis on character and moral agency, drawing the distinction between agents and actions. The sections on truth telling, disclosure of bad news, privacy, conflicts of interest, and research on human subjects have also been thoroughly reworked. The four core chapters on principles (respect for autonomy, nonmaleficence, beneficence, and justice) and the chapter on professional-patient relationships retain their familiar structure, but the authors have completely updated their content to reflect developments in philosophical analysis as well as in research, medicine, and health care. Throughout, they have used a number of actual cases to illuminate and to test their theory, method, and framework of principles.

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I LOVED this book! I took it for a Medical Ethics course and really loved it! It is a quick, easy read that clearly articulates many of the basic dilemmas we face in both psychology, social work, and the medical field. It is laid out to help you critically think about ethics, and how challenging medical ethics can be. I am not ashamed to admit that it opened my mind and has helped me to better discuss problems surrounding ethics, even within the lay community.

This book provided me with the information I needed to complete my Biomedical Ethics class. All of the requirements that was expected to complete course with a passing grade I was able to find it within the book. I just wish the index was more helpful.

Excellent overview of medical ethics for both the novice and the advanced ethicist.

Great!

Doing research for LLM degree.This book is now as far as understanding ethics of medicine and especially medico-legal medicine the baseline necessity and foundation!

My HS son needed a resource on this topic; while this book is geared toward the college student, it served its purpose as an excellent resource on various moral and ethical issues.

Good introduction to a complex and evolving field.

My wife bought this book. She is a psychologist and she felt like it should be in her professional

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