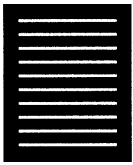


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# Preface



IT HAS BEEN 15 YEARS SINCE *ETHICAL ISSUES IN TRANSFUSION Medicine* was published. This updated and expanded volume not only builds on the topics that still remain relevant today, but also introduces new areas for examination and discussion. The fact that we continue to examine some of the same topics over time may indicate that we are still troubled by certain recurring questions and that the level of complexity does not allow for easy solutions.

The intent of this book is not to cover every ethical issue that we face in blood banking, transfusion medicine, and cellular therapy—that would be impossible. Rather, the hope is to present some of those dilemmas felt to be particularly vexing at this point in time. The chapter titles speak for themselves and cover a wide range of topics. Although right vs wrong answers in bioethics are more gray than black and white, the ethical issues explored here will provide an educational and critical thinking infrastructure for the reader to approach and address ethical dilemmas before being faced with a specific situation.

A few of the chapter authors and coauthors from *Ethical Issues in Transfusion Medicine* are appearing in *Ethical Issues in Transfusion Medicine and Cellular Therapies*, but the majority of the authors are new. Most are not “hard core” bioethicists; instead, they are clinical practitioners who care deeply about the ethical questions that are never-ending in our profession and who are not afraid to tackle possible resolutions.

This book also contains a separate chapter of ethics case scenarios. Ethical issues in general medicine—as well as in subspecialties such as transfusion medicine and cellular therapy—often make their appearance as individual cases that can be studied and discussed. It is hoped that these cases provide a tool for further educational efforts, either individually or as part of a wider pedagogy. Feedback, and the sharing of additional case scenarios, are certainly welcomed by the editor.

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I would like to acknowledge and thank the AABB Press Editorial Board and AABB publishing staff for understanding the need for this book, as well as their hard work in seeing this volume become a reality. I would also like to thank the authors for taking on these very difficult—and often controversial—questions and issues, and addressing them with rigor and clarity of thought.

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