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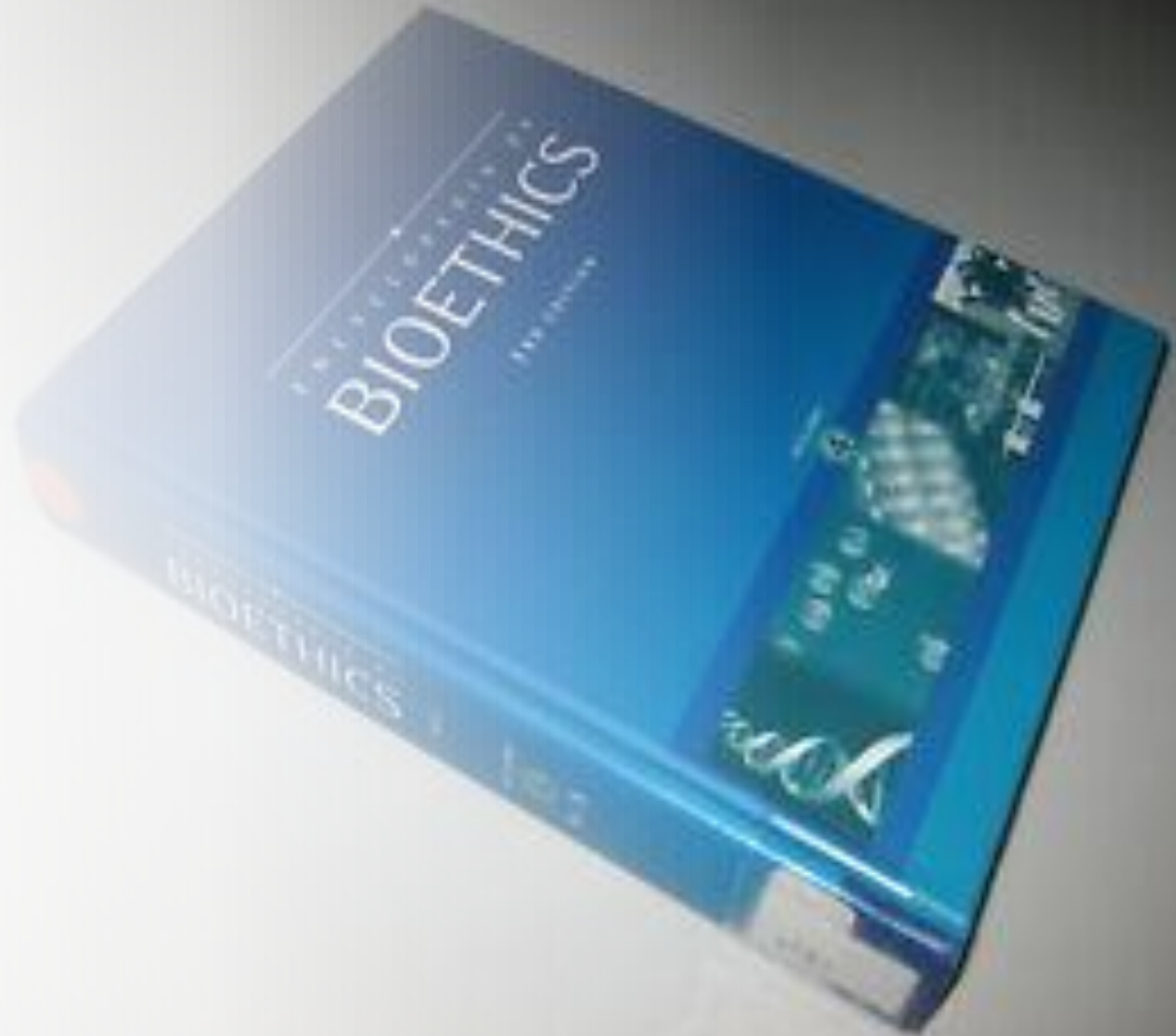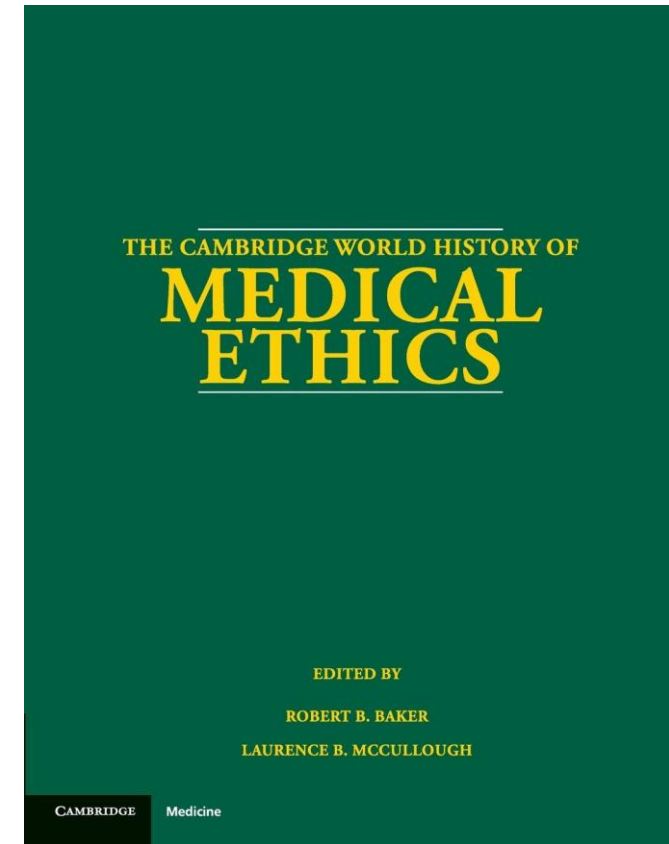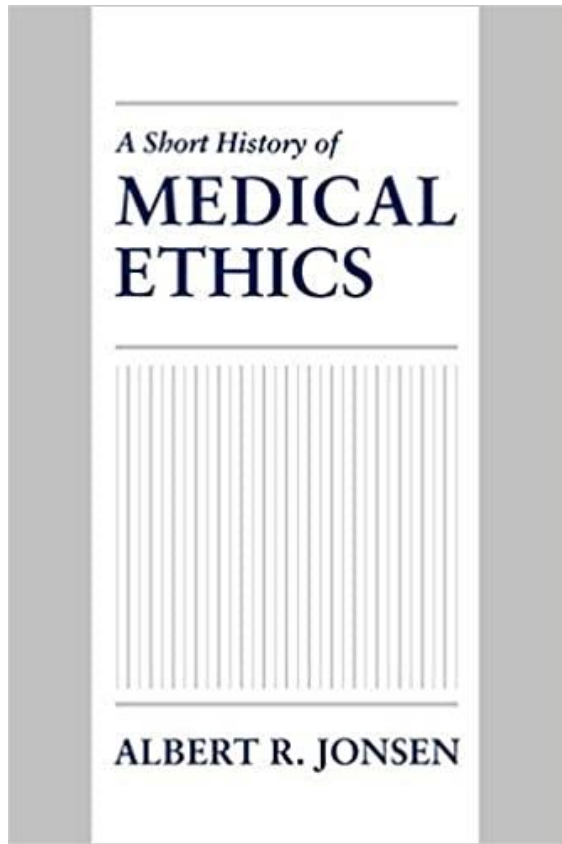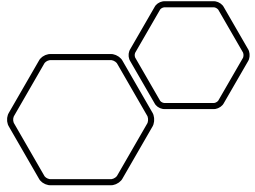
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- Not a historian

- Author of Gillon R, Ashcroft R. Bioethics- history of (IV). Bioethics and medical ethics in the UK. Encyclopedia of Bioethics (4th ed) 2014, vol 2. Bruce Jennings (ed). Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, p1107-1120.

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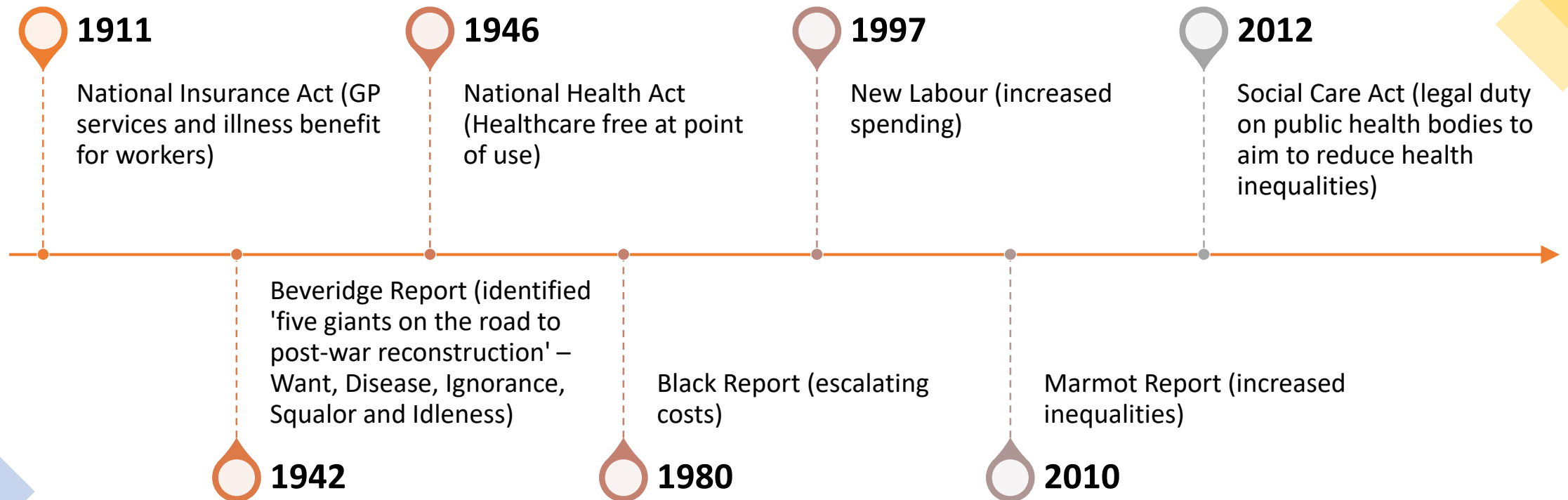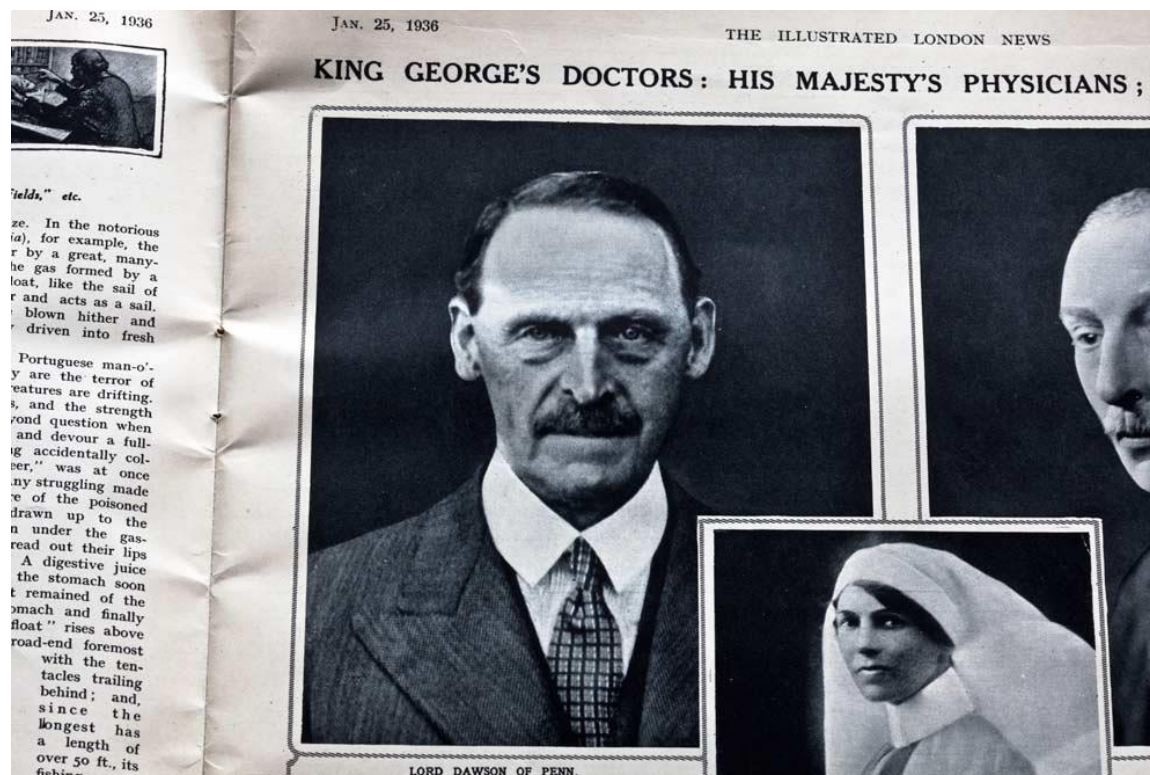CAMBRIDGE Medicine

Two books I'd recommend

Until quite recently medical ethics was entirely for doctors to determine

- Medical Act of 1858
- British Medical Association 1832
- General Medical Council 1858

BMA

General Medical Council

Social Justice and Health Care: 1911, 1946, and Beyond

1911

National Insurance Act (GP services and illness benefit for workers)

1942

Beveridge Report (identified 'five giants on the road to post-war reconstruction' – Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness)

1946

National Health Act (Healthcare free at point of use)

1980

Black Report (escalating costs)

1997

New Labour (increased spending)

2010

Marmot Report (increased inequalities)

2012

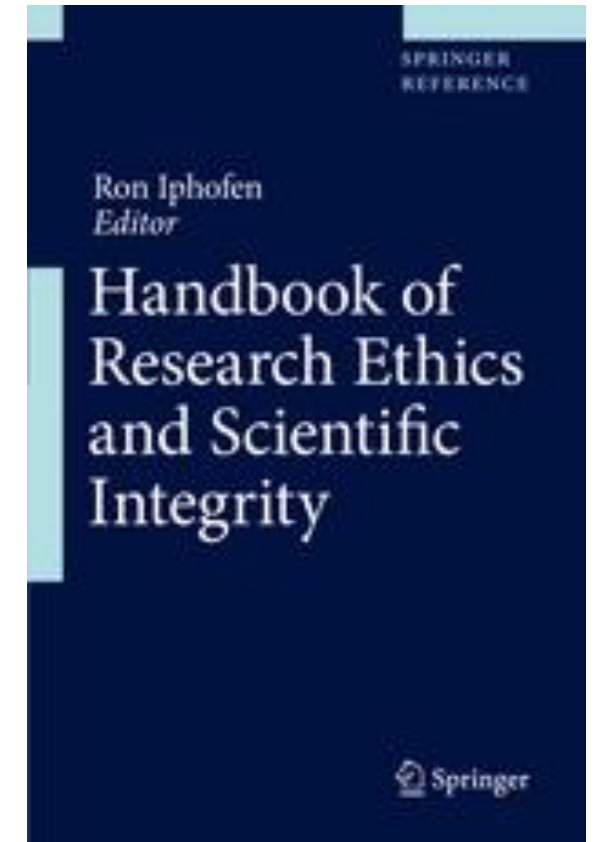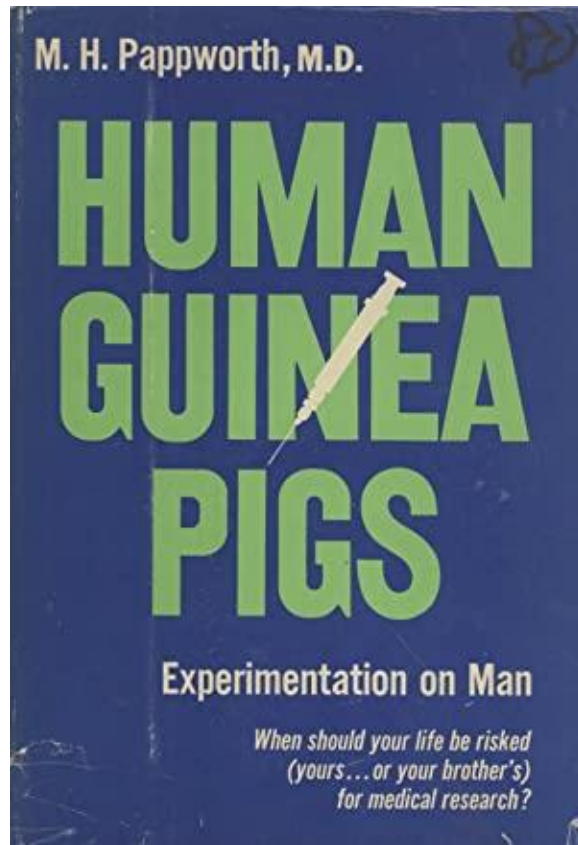Social Care Act (legal duty on public health bodies to aim to reduce health inequalities)

Voluntary Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Dying: 1936 and Beyond
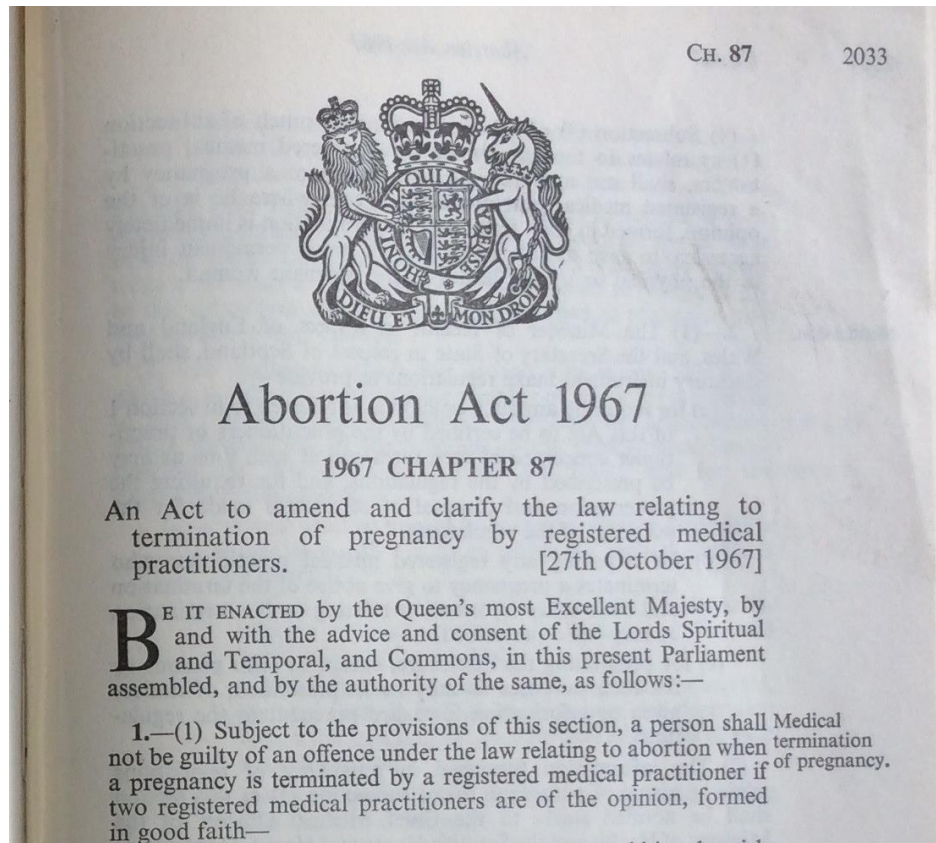
Two cases from 2002: Diane Pretty and Ms. B

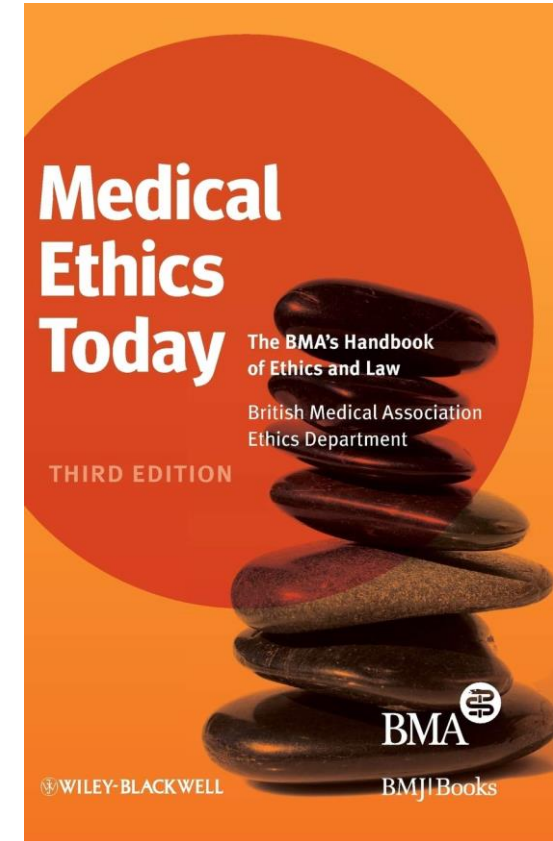# Experimentation on Human Subjects: 1947 and Beyond
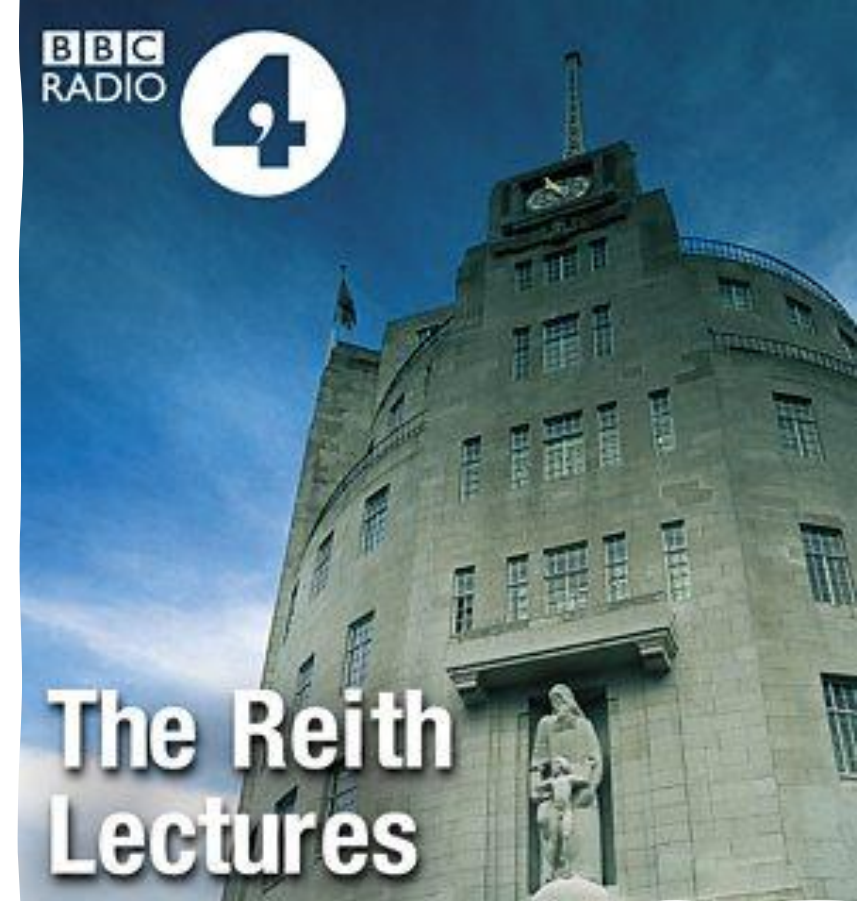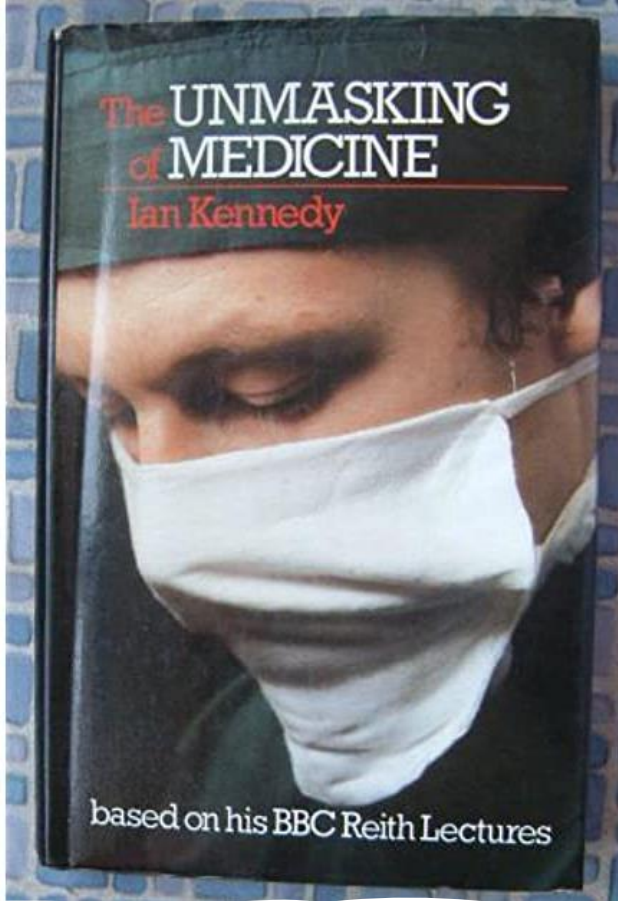
Abortion: 1938 and Beyond

Reproductive Technology: 1978 and Beyond

Informed Consent: 1985 to 2015

The Organization of Medical Ethics in Britain

Some important pressure groups, patient groups and special medical interest groups

The UNMASKING of MEDICINE
Ian Kennedy

based on his BBC Reith Lectures
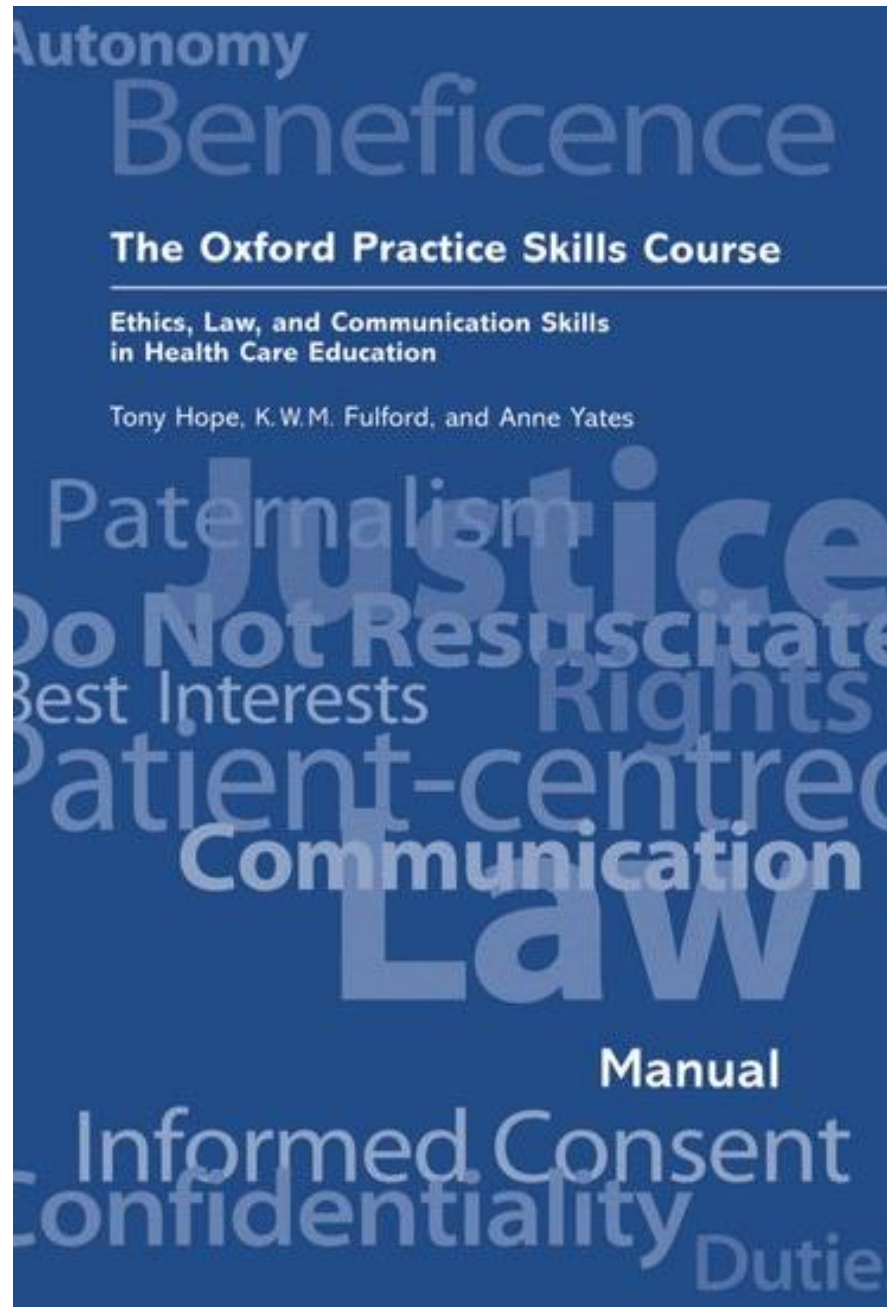
BBC RADIO 4

The Reith Lectures

A significant media event

The Institute of Medical Ethics

University Centres

Academic Courses, Degrees, and Chairs

National Medical or Health Care Ethics Groups and Organisations into the 1990s

Institute of Medical Ethics

Human Values in Health Care Forum

The U.K. Forum for Health Care Ethics and Law

The Association for Healthcare and Medical Ethics Teacher

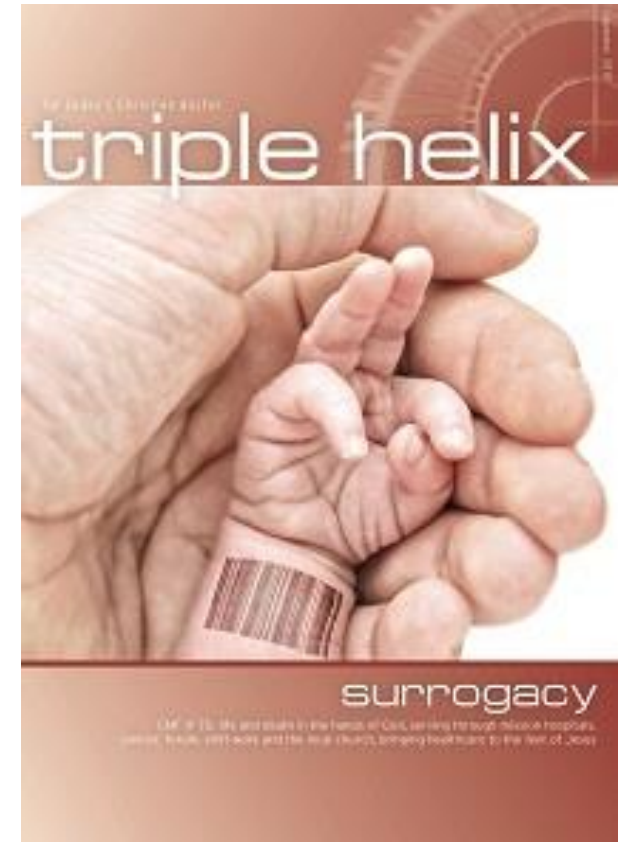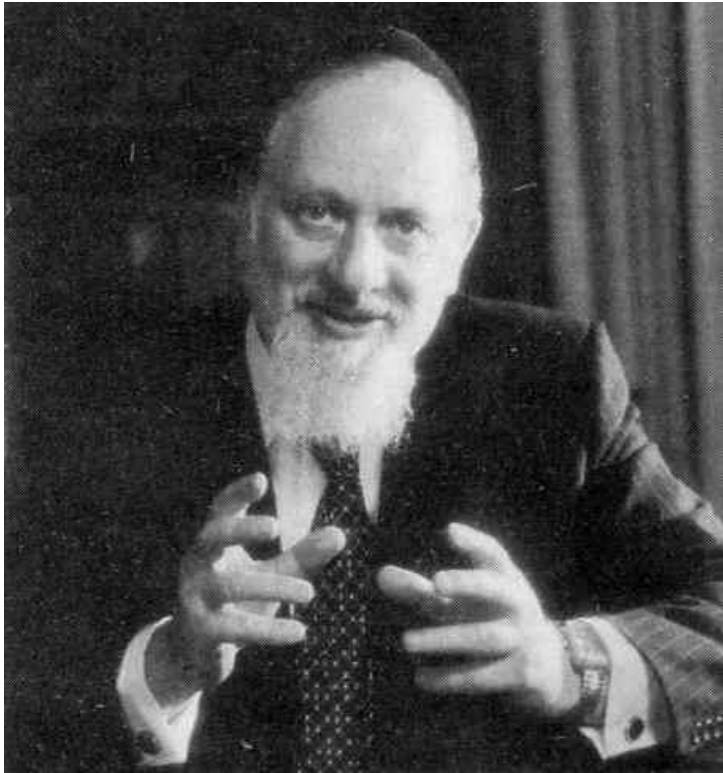The Nuffield Council on Bioethics

National groups after 2000

UK Clinical Ethics Network
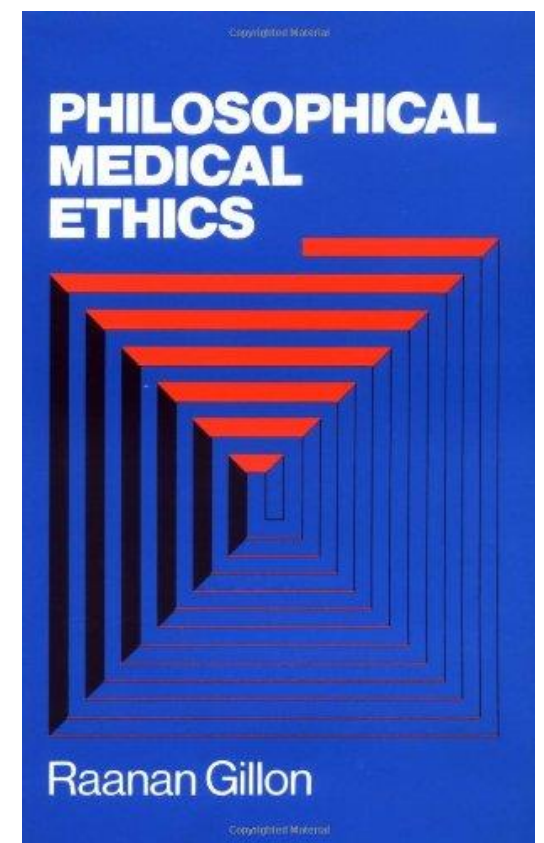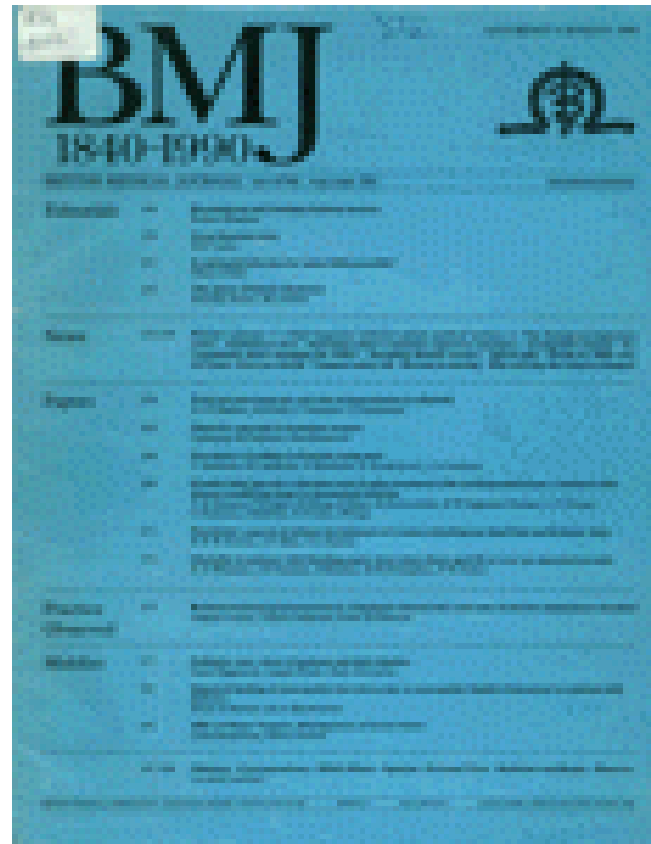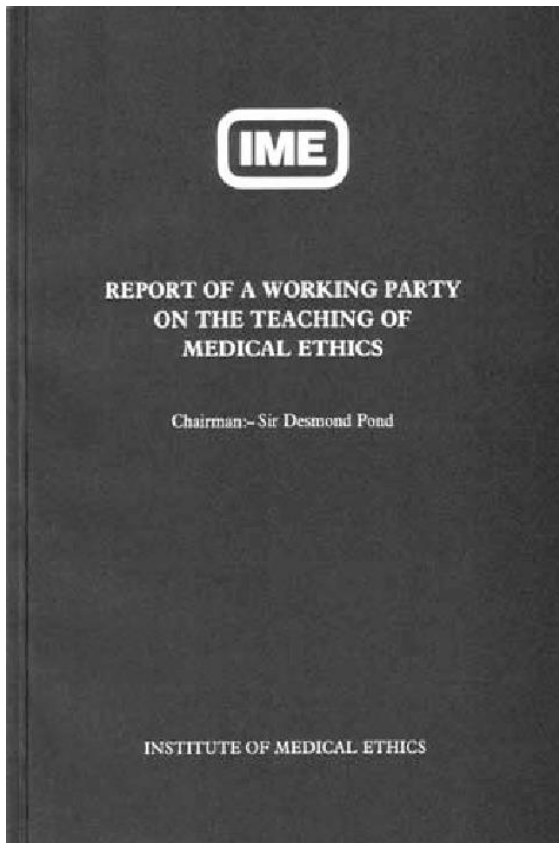
Association for Medical Humanities

Continental European Influences

- Council of Europe has an international bioethics committee on which the U.K. is represented (Council of Europe 1997)

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) international bioethics committee

- The European Union international bioethics committee

- European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics

- European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care

Religious Influences on Medical Ethics

The National "Flavour" of Medical Ethics in Britain

Medical Ethics and Bioethics

- Genomic ethics

- Neuroethics

- Animal Ethics

- Intellectual property law

- Environmental Ethics

- Public Health Ethics

Thank You – Bibliography available on demand