



Centre for Health Studies
Apothecaries' Hall

The Society of Apothecaries of London,
Black Friars Lane, London, *EC4V 6EJ*

FACULTY OF THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

**Programme for the Ethics and Philosophy of
Medicine Course
September 2025 - June 2026**

Sessions will be held on Saturday mornings at Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ and remotely via Zoom.

The course is supported by the Wellcome Library (<https://wellcomecollection.org/>). The eponymous lectures are not part of the course but do form an important part of the Society's teaching.

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Term 1

Monday 24 November 2025 – Apothecaries Hall
Optional evening: Sydney Selwyn Lecture:

Title TBC
Dr Monica Aquilina

Evening lecture featuring the best student presentations of the 2024-25 DPMSA & DHMSA classes –
Attendance is strongly recommended

Saturday 27th September 2025 – Apothecaries Hall

09:30-9:45	Registration	
9:45-10:00	Introduction to Apothecaries Hall	Mr Matthew Scudder Academic Training Manager
10:00-10:15	Master's Introduction	Dr David Jeffreys Master Apothecary
10:15-12:00	Overview of course: An Introduction to Philosophy & Medicine in Healthcare	Mr Peter Young Course Director
12:00-12:15	How to write an ethics case vignette	Mr Peter Young Course Director
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Critical reasoning in Healthcare Ethics	Professor David Jones St Mary's University
3:30-4:30	Drinks @ The Glean, 15 Blackfriars Lane, EC4V 6ER	

Saturday 11th October 2025 – Online

10:00-12:15	Values and Shared Decision Making	Professor Ashok Handa University of Oxford
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Case vignette presentations and discussions	Mr Peter Young Course Director

Saturday 1st November 2025 – Apothecaries Hall

10:00-12:15	Three main normative theories of Ethics: Utilitarianism	Professor David Misselbrook Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Bahrain
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Is there a Philosophy of Health?	Professor David Misselbrook Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Bahrain

Φ **Available online:** How to write an ethical or philosophical essay -
Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)

Saturday 15th November 2025 – Online

10:00-12:15	Contractarian Ethics – Ancient & Modern	Dr John Spicer GP Croydon & Academic Ethicist
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Justice and Resource Allocation	Dr James Hart Ethox Centre, University of Oxford

Φ **Available Online:** Pandemic Ethics
Dr Alexis Paton (Aston University)

Saturday 6th December 2025 – Online

10:00-12:15	Three main normative theories of Ethics: Kant and Deontology in Medicine	Professor Trevor Stammers St Mary's University College
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Autonomy, Consent and Confidentiality	Dr Paquita De Zulueta Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, Imperial College, London

Term 2

Saturday 10th January 2026 – Online

10:00-12:15	The Four Principles of Biomedical Ethics	Professor Raanan Gillon Imperial College London
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Ethics and Sociology of Genetic Testing	Peter Young Course Director

Φ **Available online:** The Four Principles – A critique
Dr Alexis Paton (Aston University)

Saturday 24th January 2026 – Online

10:00-12:15	Abortion and Personhood	Dr Jordan Parsons Royal Holloway University
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	The Ethics and Philosophy of Public Health	Professor John Coggon University of Bristol

Φ **Available online:** The DPMSA Examination
Dr Andrew Papanikitas? (DPMSA convenor)

Saturday 7th February 2026 – Apothecaries Hall

10:00-12:15	The Philosophy of Science	Dr Jonathan Livingstone Banks University of Oxford
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-2:15	The Ethics of Medical Research	Dr Jonathan Livingstone Banks University of Oxford
2:30-3:30	The Philosophy of Evidence Based Medicine	Dr Jonathan Livingstone Banks University of Oxford

Saturday 21st February 2026 – Online

10:00-12:15	Three Main Normative Theories of Ethics: Virtue Ethics	Professor Sabena Jameel University of Birmingham
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Quandaries in Care Ethics	Professor Ann Gallagher Brunel University London

Saturday 7th March 2026 – Apothecaries Hall

10:00-12:15	Case vignette presentations and discussion	Dr John Spicer GP Croydon & Academic Ethicist
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	The Moral Basis of Professionalism: Exploring Narrative, Character, and Expertise	Dr David Obree University of Edinburgh Medical School

Saturday 21st March 2026 – Online

10:00-12:15	Nietzsche against Aristotle: What is a good life, and will it be destroyed by illness?	Professor David Misselbrook Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Bahrain
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Philosophy at the end of life	Dr Guy Schofield University of Bristol

Φ **Available online:** Euthanasia and Medical Decisions at the End of Life
Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)

Saturday 11th April 2026 – Apothecaries Hall

10:00-11:00	The Historical development of Human Rights & Human Rights Today	Ms Megan Pfiffer University of Toronto
11:15-12:15	Some Historical aspects of post-war UK Medical Ethics	Professor Raanan Gillon Imperial College London
12:15 -13:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-2.15	The Philosophy of Medicine in the Third Reich	Professor Michael Biddiss University of Reading
2:30-3:30	Panel Discussion	

Saturday 25th April 2026 – Online

10:00-12:15	Ethico-legal aspects of Reproductive and Genetic Technologies	James Lawford Davies Solicitor and Partner Lead, LDMH Partners
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Racism and Decolonisation in Medicine	Dr Harleen Johal University of Bristol

Φ **Available online:** Podcast on IVF and the role of Baroness Mary Warnock & philosophy in public policy
Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)

Saturday 16th May 2026 – Apothecaries Hall

Joint Students and Fellow's Symposium – Theme: Disruption within Bioethics

10:00-10:15	Welcome and Introduction	Mr Peter Young Course Director
10:15-11:00	Plenary session 1	Professor David Jones
11:15-12:15	Plenary session 2	TBC
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Selwyn lecture semi-final: DPMSA Oral Assessment	

NOTE: All students on the course are expected to attend this day. The day will include invited speakers, an opportunity to meet Faculty Fellows (The Faculty's Philosophy mentoring, discussion and writing group) and networking after the event. As well as course-relevant content, students will have the opportunity to present work and discuss relevant topics in a symposium setting.

Term 3

Saturday 6 June 2026 – Apothecaries Hall

10:00-12:15	Teaching and learning medical ethics	Mr Peter Young Course Director
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:30-3:45	Revision 'Pub-Quiz' & course overview	Mr Peter Young Course Director

DPMSA Exam Information:

DPMSA Examination Information web address: <https://www.apothecaries.org/diploma-in-the-philosophy-of-medicine/>

DPMSA Exam queries: Email: AcademicAdmin@apothecaries.org

Eponymous Lectures and Faculty Fellowship:

Students of the course are encouraged to join the Faculty. The Faculty run a series of free eponymous lectures on a variety of historical and philosophical topics relating to medicine and healthcare. Faculty fellowship offers access to writing, discussion, and mentoring groups in both medical history and philosophy.