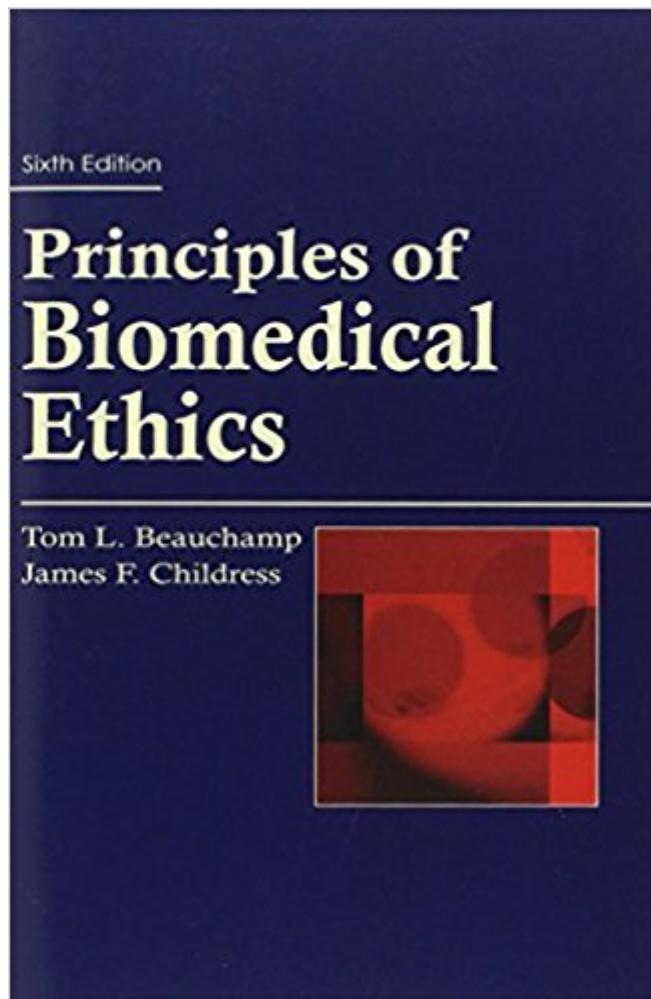


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# Principles Of Biomedical Ethics



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- \* A new section on vulnerability and exploitation as it applies to justice (Chapter 7)
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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.

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