

EDITOR'S NOTE

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It is hard to believe that the MJLH is already into its fifth year. We knew that starting Canada's first and only open-access and fully bilingual journal in health law was never going to be easy. But the response has been resoundingly positive, and we are thus fortunate to publish the high-quality articles found in the current issue.

Viennent premièrement les biobanques et les problèmes liés au consentement des enfants. Emmanuelle Lévesque et Bartha Maria Knoppers nous renseignent sur les divers moyens pouvant assurer une protection adéquate aux enfants, depuis le stage prénatal jusqu'à l'adolescence, face à la collecte de renseignements personnels et de spécimens biologiques. Leur analyse se fonde sur le droit québécois, mais s'inspire également de principes issus de la common law canadienne et du droit international.

Next, Anette Sikka, Katherine Lippel and Jill Hanley examine the relationship between immigration status and access to health care. Using comparative analysis between Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick, they identify many gaps in health services coverage into which many migrants with "precarious" status often fall.

Finally, we publish proceedings from the MJLH's first-ever continuing legal education roundtable discussion on mental capacity and the law organized in conjunction with the Disability and the Law portfolio of the Human Rights Working Group and the Centre for Law and Aging. Ann Soden offers some concluding reflections on the need to move away from a model of substitute decision-making towards one of supported decision-making.

Let me also encourage everyone to visit our website at <http://mjhlh.mcgill.ca> where you will find online blog entries on hot-topics in health law and policy as well as a discussion forum for our articles. Check back often and take part in the online discussion.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who helped pull this final issue of my tenure together – especially Chad Bass-Meldrum and Adrian Thorogood. The MJLH is lucky to have such a strong team behind it.

À votre santé!

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