

# Medicine

**Quotations** "There is a lot of hype and fear about this much-talked-about prospect of designer babies."

- Leon Kass

"When antibiotics became industrially produced following World War II, our quality of life and our longevity improved enormously. No one thought bacteria were going to become resistant."

- Bonnie Bassler

## Questions

- What are the most common challenges facing the medical profession today?
- Is it ethical to perform surgery on someone if the result will mean their long term survival but remove a patient's autonomy?
- Does the law prevent the development of advanced sciences like stem cell therapy due to the simple ignorance of lawmakers?
- Should physicians save those who have attempted to commit suicide?
- Should patients with a terminal illness, constant pain and little autonomy be allowed to end their life through assisted dying?
- If you believe euthanasia is totally justified would that also justify the assisted dying of a healthy individual? Can you give an example?
- Should all healthcare be free at the point of use? Is healthcare a human right?
- Does money entitle someone to healthcare and the possibility of living much longer than those without access?
- Are drug companies unfairly profiting from the despair and sickness of others?
- Should vaccinations be mandatory for all humans? Why or why not?
- Is it ethical to refuse a vaccine?
- Should a placebo be administered to demanding, but healthy, patients?

**Presentation** Create a presentation either in support or against the policy of free public healthcare. Think of the how either policy can create socio-economic consequences.