The MU Center for Health Ethics is excited to announce that this year’s conference will be offered in partnership with DigiHealth, a multidisciplinary team of digital storytellers.

From Facebook to Electronic Health Records, the ever-expanding forms of digital media bombarding clinicians, educators, and health care consumers pose complex ethical challenges. Join us as we engage in practical application, academic inquiry, and pure storytelling delight as we explore the ethical and unethical practices of digital media in the area of health.

You be the judge…is digital media enhancing or obscuring the patient’s story?

Conference Objectives:
1. Network with renowned storytellers, educators, clinicians and researchers who are changing the healthcare landscape through digital media, narrative medicine, innovative health technologies, and related neuroscience research.
2. Explore how digital media is being utilized to enhance health education and service delivery in order to promote patient-centered care and shared decision making.
3. Discuss concerns related to unethical use of digital storytelling and media which may result in exploitation, personal gain, and manipulation of vulnerable populations.

Keynote Speakers:

Joseph Sobol - Is a storyteller, performer, author, and professor teaching at East Tennessee State University. Dr. Sobol is working on a grant from the National Cancer Institute to interview cancer patients and survivors to weave their stories into instructional modules for medical students and physicians. For more information about Dr. Sobol, please visit his website - www.josephsobol.com/

Kendall Haven - Is a story consultant, storyteller, author, and researcher. His research is on the neuro and cognitive science of story design. He’s authored many books and has worked as a consultant for national companies and organizations such as Boeing Corp, NASA, United Way, National Park Service and the US Navy. For more information about Kendall Haven, please visit his website - www.kendallhaven.com/index.htm

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