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GOOD MEDICAL ETHICS OFFER PATIENTS CHOICES, MORE ECONOMICAL MEDICINE

According to a University of Dayton study, more and more terminally ill patients during the last two months of their lives are choosing hospice care rather than hospital care--a trend that has saved Americans more than \$5.2 billion annually in health care costs and indicates that physicians are involving patients in decision making.

"Good medical ethics require that patients be involved in decisions about their care. Many people don't want highly aggressive treatment," says Lawrence P. Ulrich, chair of UD's philosophy department and a respected expert in medical ethics. "The hospice movement is populated by people who have said, 'No.'"

The sudden death of his older brother in 1972 led Ulrich to develop expertise in the moral dimension of disease. He is a member of several hospital ethics committees, serves as a consultant to health practitioners and has taught a medical ethics course at UD for the past 15 years. Ulrich, a Kettering resident, was one of eight finalists in the 1984 Professor of the Year competition held by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

For media interviews, contact Lawrence Ulrich at 229-2933.

UD PROFESSOR STUDIES OHIO'S HISTORY THROUGH ITS GEOLOGY

Michael Sandy doesn't read history books to examine periods in time. He examines rocks. And fossils. And other geological mementos.

"There are rocks in the Dayton area 500 million years old," said Sandy, a University of Dayton assistant professor of geology who recently compiled a guidebook about the geology of southwest Ohio. "Just a car ride from Dayton, you can see quite a range of the earth's history. The Dayton-Cincinnati area is world famous among people who collect fossils."

Sandy just received a \$3,000 developmental education grant from the University of Dayton to develop a college-level course about Ohio's geology that will be taught in the field--not the classroom. Though the course won't be offered until the fall, Sandy is busy selecting and evaluating sites in Ohio for one-day class excursions. The class will be geared toward non-geology majors.

In November, Sandy led a "History in the Rocks" Discovery Walk for the Glen Helen Association in Yellow Springs. Sandy, a British native, frequently gives talks to community groups and schools.

For media interviews, contact Michael Sandy at 229-2952 or 259-0427. Sandy resides in the city of Dayton.



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