

Biography

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Dr. Emanuel is the Chair of the Department of Bioethics at the Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health. He is also a breast oncologist. After completing Amherst College, he received his M.Sc. from Oxford University in Biochemistry. He received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School and his Ph.D. in political philosophy from Harvard University. His dissertation received the Toppan Award for the finest political science dissertation of the year. In 1987-88, he was a fellow in the Program in Ethics and the Professions at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

After completing his internship and residency in internal medicine at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital and his oncology fellowship at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Dr. Emanuel joined the faculty at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He was an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School before joining the National Institutes of Health. He has authored and co-edited several books, and has published widely on the ethics of clinical research, health care reform, international research ethics, end of life care issues, euthanasia, the ethics of managed care, and the physician-patient relationship, in various medical journals.

Dr. Emanuel has received numerous awards including election to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Science and the Association of American Physicians. Hippocrates Magazine selected him as Doctor of the Year in Ethics. He received the AMA-Burroughs Welcome Leadership Award, the Public Service Award from the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the John Mendelsohn Award from the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and a Fulbright Scholarship (which he declined). In 2007, Roosevelt University presented Dr. Emanuel with the President's Medal for Social Justice.

He served on President Clinton's Health Care Task Force, the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC), and on the bioethics panel of the Pan-American Healthcare Organization. Dr. Emanuel has been a visiting professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, UCLA, the Brin Professor at Johns Hopkins Medical School and the Kovtitz Professor at Stanford Medical School.