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Name Arthur Caplan, PhD

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**Background/
Biography** Prior to coming to NYU he was the Sidney D. Caplan Professor of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia where he created the Center for Bioethics and the Department of Medical Ethics. Caplan has also taught at the University of Minnesota, where he founded the Center for Biomedical Ethics, the University of Pittsburgh, and Columbia University. He was the Associate Director of the Hastings Center from 1984-1987.

Born in Boston, Caplan did his undergraduate work at Brandeis University. He did his graduate work at Columbia University where he received a Ph.D in the history and philosophy of science in 1979.

Caplan is the author or editor of thirty-two books and over 600 papers in peer reviewed journals. His most recent books are **Contemporary Debates in Bioethics** (Wiley 2013) and **Ethics in Mental Healthcare: A Reader** (MIT Press, 2013).

He has served on a number of national and international committees including as the Chair, National Cancer Institute Biobanking Ethics Working Group; the Chair of the Advisory Committee to the United Nations on Human Cloning; the Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Department of Health and Human Services on Blood Safety and Availability; a member of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Illnesses; the special advisory committee to the International Olympic Committee on genetics and gene therapy; the ethics committee of the American Society of Gene Therapy; the special advisory panel to the National Institutes of Mental Health on human experimentation on vulnerable subjects and the Wellcome Trust on research in humanitarian crises. He served as the Co-Director of the Joint Council of Europe/United Nations Study on Trafficking in Organs and Body Parts. He is currently the ethics advisor to DOD/DARPA on synthetic biology. He is a member of the board of directors of The Franklin Institute, the Board of Visitors of the



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Caplan writes a regular column on bioethics for NBC.com. He is a monthly commentator on bioethics and health care issues for WebMD/Medscape. He appears frequently as a guest and commentator on various other national and international media outlets.

Caplan is the recipient of many awards and honors including the McGovern Medal of the American Medical Writers Association and the Franklin Award from the City of Philadelphia. He received the Patricia Price Browne Prize in Biomedical Ethics for

2011. He was a person of the Year-2001 from USA Today. He was described as one of the ten most influential people in science by Discover magazine in 2008. He has also been honored as one of the fifty most influential people in American health care by Modern Health Care magazine, one of the ten most influential people in America in biotechnology by the National Journal, one of the ten most influential people in the ethics of biotechnology by the editors of Nature Biotechnology.

He holds seven honorary degrees from colleges and medical schools. He is a fellow of the Hastings Center, the NY Academy of Medicine, the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the American College of Legal Medicine and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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Conflict Of
Interest None

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Conflict of
Commitment None

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Name George D. Demetri, MD

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Background/ Biography

As a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, where I co-direct the Ludwig Center at Harvard, I serve also as an Associate Director for Clinical Sciences at the NCI-designated comprehensive Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center. I am also the Senior Vice President for Experimental Therapeutics and Division Chief overseeing the Center for Sarcoma and Bone Oncology and the Early Drug and Development Center at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. My academic career has been focused on translational and clinical science to develop new systemic approaches targeting specific signaling pathways in molecularly-defined subtypes of sarcomas, working within a highly collaborative multidisciplinary referral center for management of patients with all forms of sarcomas of soft tissues and bone. I currently direct a multidisciplinary clinical team with approximately 1000 new sarcoma referrals annually, and more than 9000 annual outpatient visits. Our team designs and implements clinical research protocols to test novel targeted agents and combination therapies for sarcomas with correlative science and translational biology endpoints. In collaboration with the National Cancer Institute Pediatric Oncology Branch and other collaborating medical centers, I have helped to found a national referral clinic for research and care of the rare population of pediatric and adult patients with wild-type Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors (GIST). As the initial Chair of the Soft Tissue Sarcoma Committee of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, I led the development and dissemination of national peer-reviewed guidelines for the standards of care in sarcoma management. Additionally, I am actively involved with the education of physicians and patients about this disease through multiple activities, including serving as a Chair of the Medical Advisory Board of the Sarcoma Foundation of America.



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Bayer, Novartis, Pfizer, and Janssen Oncology provided Research Support to Dana Farber for GD as PI - specific clinical trial agreements in our sarcoma unit. Patent licensed to Novartis from Dana-Farber with royalty paid to Dana-Farber.

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**Background/
Biography** L.J. Wei has been actively developing quantitative methods for designing, monitoring and analyzing clinical studies for more than 35 years. He has been intimately involved in the drug development programs for Harvard HIV data center and drug industry. He has been served on numerous data monitoring committees for clinical trials. He received the Wilks Award from the American Statistical Association in 2009 for his outstanding contributions to the clinical trial methodology development.

**Potential
Conflict Of
Interest** Professor at Harvard University; Consultant for Merck, Novartis, Johnson and Johnson, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Roche, Pfizer, Alkermes, Millennium, Shionogy, Otsuka for the drug development. Board Member for the not-for-profit organization, Frontier Science. The investment and retirement accounts are mainly mutual funds (not specific stocks). NIH R01 grant for developing new methods for HIV clinical trials.

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