# ISSUES OF LIFE INDEX KENNETH ALONSO, MD, PHD, FACP

## Assessing the ethical dilemma

- Discuss specific ethical issues involved with:
- Genetic engineering
- Eugenics
- Conception
- Contraception
- In vitro fertilization
- Artificial insemination
- Prenatal diagnosis
- Abortion
- Infanticide

### Fetal surgery

- Capital punishment
- Suicide
- Active Euthanasia
- Physician assisted suicide
- Palliative care
- Life support and extraordinary measures
- Withdrawing Treatment

# Futility

# Living Will

- Advanced Directive
- Durable Power of Attorney
- Do not resuscitate order (DNR)
- Coma
- Persistent vegetative state
- Minimal consciousness
- Brain death

- Organ donation
- Resource allocation
- Information sharing
- Counseling
- Challenges to medical orthodoxy
- Assessing decision making capacity

#### Physician-patient relationship

- Truth-telling
- Boundaries
  - Confidentiality including HIPAA privacy
- Respect for cultural differences
- When to refer
- Duty to report
- Impaired physician
- Negligence/malpractice
- Physician misconduct
- Remedies