Preface: Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering

The papers included in this special section of the journal represent a broad spectrum of topics reflecting the exciting but sometimes controversial nature of many of the new developments in biomedical engineering and medicine. They represent viewpoints and discussions of the ethical considerations and challenges that are faced by scientists, biomedical engineers, clinicians, and industry members as we develop new devices, implants, and treatment methods for our patients. I hope that the papers included in this issue will encourage additional studies that lead to the development of new guidelines that will prevent conflict of interest issues as we make new advances in Biology, Biomedical Engineering, and Medicine.

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