

**Dialogue 4****Genetics, Technology and Ethnic Identity:  
Lessons from Sickle Cell Disease****Keith Wailoo, Ph.D.***University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill***12 Noon, Friday, December 10, 1999****Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Room 207 (across from Library)**

—————&gt; Lunch will be provided &lt;—————

**The development and use of new diagnostic and therapeutic technologies have sparked potent controversies in American medicine, particularly over the past 30-40 years. The history of diagnostic advances and interventions related to sickle cell disease, ranging from antibacterial therapy and pain management to bone marrow transplantation and prospects of gene therapy, represents an important case in point and provides a basis for exploring the ways in which ideas about race and ethnicity inform medicine's deployment of technology and therapy.**

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