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Alan Fleischman is a distinguished physician who interned at Johns Hopkins in Pediatrics, completed a Fellowship in Perinatal Physiology at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland and at Oxford University in England. In 1975 he joined the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Montefiore Medical Center where he later became Director of the Division of Neonatology and Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology and Social Medicine. In 1994, he became Senior Vice President at the New York Academy of Medicine, where he is responsible for initiatives in urban health, education, public policy, ethics and public health. He has written extensively in the field of neonatal and fetal physiology with a research emphasis on nutrition. He has also written, taught and lectured about many aspects of the developing field of bioethics, emphasizing the rights of individual patients and the responsibilities of health care providers. His work in the field of infant and fetal ethics has resulted in over one hundred publications. He recently co-edited “Pediatric Ethics—From Principles to Practice.”