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Jos V.M. Welie studied medical sciences and law at the University of Maastricht and philosophy at the Radboud University of Nijmegen, both in The Netherlands. A Fulbright grant brought him to Loyola University of Chicago's Department of Medical Humanities. Subsequently, he started specializing in medical ethics. He obtained his doctorate in medical ethics from the Radboud University of Nijmegen Faculty of Medical Sciences. Areas of primary interest include ethical issues in chronic and terminal care, Jesuit involvement in health sciences education, dental ethics, the philosophical foundations of clinical ethics, the human body and person, and the relationships between law and ethics. In addition to teaching medical ethics at Creighton University's School of Medicine, Dr. Welie is also a Professor in Graduate School and the School of Dentistry Department of Community and Preventive Dentistry. During the academic year 2005-06, Dr. Welie worked as a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. Dr. Welie is the Founding Secretary of the International Dental Ethics and Law Society. He has (co-)authored/edited nearly 150 publications, including eight books. His most recent books are "Death and Medical Power. An Ethical Analysis of Dutch Euthanasia Practice (With H ten Have; Open University Press, 2005) and Justice in Oral Health Care. Ethical and Educational Perspectives (Marquette University Press, 2006).