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Article one, Muder Aikrisat of West Coast University, contends that the phenomenon of stress of conscience develops when workers are exposed to ambiguous work-related moral situations. The article, *Stress of Conscience: Concept Clarification*, Aikrisat, explores this concept among nurses. In the second article, *The Impediments of Corruption on the Efficacy of Health Care Service Delivery in Nigeria*, Daniel O. Tormusa and Augustine Mogom Idom of Federal University of Nigeria, respond to the growing problem of corruption which has begun to negatively impact the health sector. Authors analyze the implications for intervention by sharing recommendations that might reduce corruption. A few of the recommendations include: establishment of watchdogs and whistle blowers, and penalties for deviations to ensure accountability. Peter Bisong, of the University of California Berkeley, presents another of his ethical treatises on *Noetic Propaedeutic Pedagogy as a Panacea to the Problem of Abortion*. He contends that the danger of abortion is seemingly not taken note by stakeholders. As such, it could be that, as also believed by Asouzu, that constraining mechanisms have clouded the minds of men and is impeding them from seeing reality in a complementary way. His discourse is quite provocative. Article four, *Human Resource for Health Migration: An Analysis from the Perspective of Utilitarianism*, by Rupesh Gautam and Pawan Archarya of the University of Southern Denmark, apply the principle of Utilitarianism to explore the ethics of exodus of professionals from the less developed countries to the more affluent ones and the resulting brain drain it creates. There are no easy solutions for this dilemma. Last, the final article, number five, *The Box and the Dark Night of the Soul: An Autoethnography from the Force of Losing a Child in the Delivery Room*, by Santiago Pinon of Texas Christian University, poignantly remind healthcare workers and hospital personnel that they have an ethical responsibility to care for and provide continued compassion to pregnant couples who leave the delivery room without a viable infant.

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