Most of the time, bioethicists treat individual health care professionals as the primary agents influencing health care delivery and institutions, and much of bioethics targets the ethical dilemmas faced by these professionals. However, pharmaceutical companies have an enormous influence over which treatments are available, who has access to care, how doctors deliver care, how the institutions of health research and health care delivery are organized, and even what counts as a disease in the first place. Because pharmaceutical companies are typically for-profit, multinational industries, run not by individuals bound by the Hippocratic oath but by groups of stakeholders who operate at quite a distance from patients, their interests and values are quite different from traditional health care providers. In this session we will explore how the pharmaceutical industry shapes health research, health care, and our understanding of disease, and the distinctive ethical issues that are introduced by this influence.