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NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Moral injuries - the lesser known risk that healthcare workers face

By Chong Siow Ann // *The Straits Times*

A historical analysis of moral injury in medicine, and the support needed by healthcare professionals in current times.

My bile rises as I'm asked to move my dying cancer patient out of ICU to make room for an unvaccinated man with Covid

By Ranjana Srivastava // *The Guardian*

Reflections on the ethical turmoil faced by healthcare professionals when in the difficult position of choosing between a patient with terminal illness and an unvaccinated COVID patient requiring acute care.

It's a Terrible Idea to Deny Medical Care to Unvaccinated People

By Ed Yong // *The Atlantic*

Argues that denying care for unvaccinated adults is both unethical and logistically unfeasible.

Maryland doctors transplant pig's heart into human patient in medical first

By Guardian Staff // *The Guardian*

More data should be gathered before the option of xenotransplantation through compassionate use emergency authorisation is opened up to more patients.

Rich Countries Lure Health Workers From Low-Income Nations to Fight Shortages

By Stephanie Nolen // *The New York Times*

Increased migration of health-care workers from developing to high-income countries is raising concerns regarding the ethics of recruitment from countries with strained healthcare resources.

How I planned for my death, and why you can too

By Grace Ho // *The Straits Times*

Families must be empowered to have conversations regarding end-of-life matters.



PUBLICATIONS

Suffering is not enough: Assisted dying for people with mental illness

By Manuel Trachsel, Ralf Jox // *Bioethics*

Argues that suffering is a necessary but insufficient condition for assisted dying, and must include decision-making capacity and refractoriness of suffering.

Assisted suicide for prisoners: An ethical and legal analysis from the Swiss context

By Yoann Della Croce // *Bioethics*

Argues that the principle of equivalence does not provide a solid basis for arguing for prisoners' right to assisted suicide, but defends assisted suicide as a liberty that cannot be taken away from prisoners in the Swiss context.

Ethical analysis examining the prioritisation of living donor transplantation in times of healthcare rationing

By Sanjay Kulkarni, Andrew Flescher, Mahwish Ahmad, George Bayliss, David Bearl et al. // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

Examines the challenges faced by the transplant community during the COVID-19 pandemic and suggests factors that should be taken into account when deciding on postponing living donor transplant for fear of infection.

Legal decision-making and crisis standards of care: Tiebreaking during the COVID-19 pandemic and in other public health emergencies

By James Hodge Jr., Jennifer Piatt // *JAMA Health Forum*

Emphasises that differentiated treatment under crisis standards of care must continue to be based in legally and ethically defensible, explicitly laid out criteria, and allowing internal biases to creep in is antithetical to CSC.

Exploring the ethical dilemmas in end-of-life care and the concept of a good death in Bhutan

By Thinley Dorji, Nidup Dorji, Kinley Yangdon, Dorji Gyeltshen, Langa Tenzin // *Asian Bioethics Review*

Discusses the ethical dilemmas in providing end-of-life care and good deaths against the backdrop of rapidly changing social values and expectations in Bhutan, which can be contextualised globally.



BLOG POSTS

Ethical preparedness

By Dave Archard // *Nuffield Bioethics Blog*

Discusses ethical considerations that healthcare systems must keep in mind in order to be prepared to deal with future crises.

Getting "done" for concealment of pregnancy: Does a woman have a duty to inform healthcare staff of her pregnancy status?

By Gemma McKenzia // *JME Blog*

Calls for policy that outlines how to recognise vulnerable women who might wish not to report their pregnancy for various reasons, in a way that respects their right to autonomy and bodily integrity.

Vaccination Discrimination Goes Against Nursing Ethics

By Epiphany Cruz-Maxwell, Ian Dolfe, Liz Stokes // *Hastings Center Blog*

Argues that healthcare providers refusing to treat unvaccinated COVID-19 patients is unethical and that it is contrary to the healing nature of the profession to reject patients solely on the basis of vaccine status.

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