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NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Being patient with difficult patients

By Chong Siow Ann // *The Straits Times*

Outlines how to maintain professional calm when interacting with difficult patients, and how doctors' feelings towards individual patients may cause issues in treating them.

As Singapore ages, end-of-life care must evolve faster: Experts

By Goh Yan Han // *The Straits Times*

Experts call for greater improvements to palliative care as patient needs become more complex.

In my 30 years as a GP, the profession been horribly eroded

By Clare Gerada // *The Guardian*

Details the struggle of a GP over several years, and some of the common challenges one faces in the profession, and suggests how they might be combated.

Abandon "normal birth" targets, hospitals in England told

By Hannah Devlin // *The Guardian*

Hospitals in England have been told to abandon targets aimed at limiting the number of caesarian sections carried out over safety fears.

Who are we caring for in the I.C.U?

By Daniela J. Lamas // *New York Times*

As patient prognoses become more grim, how does responsibility shift to having to care for their family?



PUBLICATIONS

What does coercion in intensive care mean for patients and their relatives? A thematic qualitative study

By Susanne Jöbges, Corine Mouton Dorey, Rouven Porz, Bara Ricou, and Nicola Biller-Andorno // *BMC Medical Ethics*

A qualitative study comprising semi-structured interviews with patients (and relatives) about any experience of coercion during prior stay in ICU settings reveals less obvious forms of informal coercion beyond restraints in the traditional sense.

Enhancing gender

By Hazem Zohny, Brian D. Earp, and Julian Savulescu // *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*

A welfarist account of human enhancement, developments from which could inform debates about access to transgender healthcare services.

Moral distress interventions: An integrative literature review

By Vanessa K Amos and Elizabeth Epstein // *Nursing Ethics*

A review of 22 studies on interventions to address moral distress (with significant data from nurses) suggests a need for a standardised intervention beyond short-term educational initiatives that reflects on systems-oriented issues as well.

Is there a right to a fully vaccinated healthcare team?

By Jordan L. Schwartzberg, Jeremy Levenson, and Jacob M. Appel // *Clinical Ethics*

Policies that permit requests for fully vaccinated providers in the care teams necessitate a balancing exercise involving key ethical, legal, logistical, and public health considerations.

The Reasonableness Standard for Conscientious Objection in Healthcare

By Massimo Reichlin // *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*

This paper contributes eight conditions for the standard of reasonableness that must be met by healthcare professionals' claims to conscientious objections.

Conflicts between parents and clinicians: Tracheotomy decisions and clinical bioethics consultation

By Kristi Klee, Benjamin Wilfond, Karen Thomas, and Debra Riding // *Nursing Ethics*

This retrospective cohort study of clinical bioethics consults regarding decisions to place tracheotomies to support a child's airways, explores conflicts between clinicians' views, parents' values, and the best interests of children.



BLOG POSTS

Should vaccination status affect ICU admission?

By Ben Davies and Joshua Parker // *Practical Ethics*

Argues whether and how vaccination status should affect ICU admission.

Is this the end of the road for vaccine mandates in healthcare?

By Dominic Wilkinson, Alberto Giubilini and Julian Savulescu // *Practical Ethics*

Defends the UK announcement on COVID-19 vaccine mandates and ponders the wider implications for vaccine mandates as a whole.

Exploring the UK bioethics landscape - how do we embed bioethics thinking in research culture and policy maker?

By Catherine Joynson and Jade Ouimet-Fortin // *Nuffield Council Blog*

Discusses how to better integrate ethics into policy considerations without seeming overbearing or offputting.

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