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NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

How having one regular doc can help improve patient health

By Joyce Teo // The Straits Times

The one-doctor model could improve relationships between patients and professional, ensure continuity of care, and improve overall benefits for health.

When it comes to delivering would-be parents the worst news in the world, we can and must do better

By Isabelle Oderberg // The Guardian

Guidelines on patient-centred communication in obstetric ultrasounds particularly in delivering unexpected or bad news, set to be instituted in Australia and New Zealand.

Caregiver collapse is real and hospitals can smoothen the transition home

By Chan Ee Yuee // Channel News Asia

More outreach programmes and support structures are needed to address caregivers' stresses and needs, particularly in the hospital-to-home transition of elderly patients.

Empathic curiosity is a way for health-care professionals to manage stress

By Jodi Halpern and Juli Fraga // The Washington Post

Practicing empathy and attempting to understand the patient's unique experiences by asking questions beyond biomedical aspects can foster trust and improve care provision.

PUBLICATIONS

Zero COVID and health inequities: lessons from Singapore

By G Owen Schaefer // Journal of Medical Ethics

A commentary on the ethical failures of Zero COVID strategies, particularly for health equity and disadvantaged populations.

Evaluating interventions to improve ethical decision making in clinical practice: a review of the literature and reflections on the challenges posed

By Agnieszka Ignatowicz, Anne Marie Slowther, Christopher Bassford, Frances Griffiths, Samantha Johnson, et al. // Journal of Medical Ethics

This review of 13 studies on interventions aimed at improving ethical decision-making in clinical care reveals that limited progress has been made in the development of tools to do so.

Ethical and regulatory implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for the medical devices industry and its representatives

By Brett Blakely, Wendy Rogers, Jane Johnson, Quinn Grundy, Katrina Hutchison, et al. // BMC Medical Ethics

Rapid amendments to regulations on medical devices, expedited approvals with low evidence requirements and problematic use of these devices during the pandemic suggest the need to revamp standards.

Personal responsibility and transplant revisited: A case for assigning lower priority to American vaccine refusers

By Jacob M. Appel // Bioethics

The author argues that wilfully unvaccinated individuals who require transplants in case of organ failure due to COVID-19 infections should be assigned lower priority.

BLOG POSTS

I Was Never "Just" a Visitor

By Allison J. Applebaum // Hastings Bioethics Forum

Caregivers are "an essential extension of the healthcare team". They should not be subjected to restrictive, COVID-19 hospital visitor policies.

Three Observations about Justifying AI

By Anantharaman Muralidharan, G Owen Schaefer, Julian Savulescu // Practical Ethics

'Justifying AI' refers to algorithms that provide justifications for core algorithms on medical decisions. It also shows how relying on black-box AI alone is insufficient.

Should doctors help patients import medicines?

By Narcyz Ghinea // JME Blog

If cost is the main barrier to accessing medication, doctors have a responsibility to help patients in sourcing more affordable options.

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