

# CLINICAL ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS  
FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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## NEWS & ARTICLES

### Woman gets new lease of life after husband donates kidney in transplant 'swop'

By Theresa Tan // *The Straits Times*

Paired kidney exchange transplants offer a necessary and faster alternative to waiting for organs from dead donors, for patients with medically incompatible donors.

### 'How long do you think I have?' I still dread the question, but owe my patients an honest answer

By Ranjana Srivastava // *The Guardian*

The author reflects on her experiences with conversations about dying and death, and answering patients' questions about mortality with sensitivity and honesty.

### Man sues Tan Tock Seng Hospital, doctors over mother's death after cardiac arrest

By Davina Tham // *Channel News Asia*

The High Court of Singapore will be looking into whether the plaintiff's mother's death was caused by medical negligence, specifically whether the treating physicians failed to advise and obtain informed consent before carrying out the treatment plan.

### Revealed: 'disturbing' race divide on cancer patients' wait times in England

By Andrew Gregory // *The Guardian*

Analyses of NHS waiting times reveal ethnic inequalities in the median time to get a cancer diagnosis, which helps explain less healthcare seeking and poorer health outcomes and experiences for minorities.

### Archie Battersbee: Who decides when life support ends?

By Michelle Roberts // *BBC News*

Clinical ethics committees, independent mediation, palliative care experts, and other non-adversarial options must first be explored before moving to the courts in cases like Archie's.



## PUBLICATIONS

### A Scoping review of ethical considerations of mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of healthcare workers

By Constance Law, Tony Skapetis, and Rohan Rodricks // *Asian Bioethics Review*

This scoping review identifies assessment of risks, benefits, effectiveness, autonomy, reciprocity, trust, equity and justice as a potential framework of ethical considerations when introducing mandatory vaccination for healthcare professionals.

### Funder priority for vaccines: Implications of a weak Lockean claim

By Anantharaman Muralidharan, G. Owen Schaefer, Tess Johnson, and Julian Savulescu // *Bioethics*

The authors defend the weak Lockean Claim, which suggests narrow, yet increased entitlement of countries funding vaccine manufacturing to the respectively produced COVID-19 vaccines.

### Sharing online clinical notes with patients: Implications for nocebo effects and health equity

By Charlotte Blease // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

There may be preliminary evidence to suggest that open notes might elicit unintended adverse consequences like nocebo effects. But this does not negate the advantages of open and honest disclosure.

### Ethical solutions to the problem of organ shortage

By Aksel Braanen Sterri, Sadie Regmi, and John Harris // *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*

The authors argue in favour of making deceased donor organs automatically available, and propose a regulated market framework for live organ donations.

### Vaccination status and intensive care unit triage: Is it fair to give unvaccinated Covid-19 patients equal priority?

By David Shaw // *Bioethics*

In defence of deprioritising voluntarily unvaccinated COVID-19 patients in ICU triage, as compatible with the principle of equality of access to care



## BLOG POSTS

### Press release: Battersbee appeal at European Court declined

By Dominic Wilkinson // *Practical Ethics*

Hospice may have been a dignified and private option for families with critically ill children, but in Archie's case the European Court considered it against his best interests given the risk of death in transit.

### Abortion Law—Lessons from Medical Aid-in-Dying?

By Arthur Caplan // *Hastings Bioethics Forum*

The author draws analogies between difficulties in enforcing laws against abortion and medically assisted dying by referring to clandestine participation in both situations by healthcare professionals acting out of compassion.

### Egg freezing in the UK: Recent developments in the broader context of reproductive ageing

By Giulia Cavaliere and James Rupert Fletcher // *JME Blog*

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act, 1990 has been amended to extend the limit for storing gametes and embryos from 10 to 55 years. This pronatalist step may be problematic for managing socioeconomic realities.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Seminar Series - Healthcare Ethics and Law

Dr. Sumytra Menon and A/Prof. Lee See Miah

3, 17, 31 Oct 2022, 6.00pm to 8.00pm SGT on Zoom

Centre for Biomedical Ethics

### Core Module in Healthcare Ethics, Law & Professionalism (For Allied Healthcare Professionals)

Ms Audrey Lim, Dr. Sumytra Menon and Dr Issac Sia

5, 7 December 2022, 9.00am to 12.50pm SGT on Zoom

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