

# CLINICAL ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS  
FROM AROUND THE WORLD  
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## NEWS & ARTICLES

### Commentary: Resolving conflict over 'vaccinated blood'

By Julian Savulescu, Dominic Wilkinson // CNA

Examines how hospitals should respond to patients who refuse blood transfusions or medical treatments due to unfounded COVID-19 beliefs.

### UK genome project a 'step change' in tackling respiratory viruses

By Linda Geddes // The Guardian

Researchers at the Sanger Institute are launching a project that could lay the groundwork for large scale genomic surveillance of multiple respiratory viruses.

### At last, Britain's donor-conceived children can know the truth about their origins

By Zeynep Gurtin // The Guardian

Donor-conceived children turning 18 this year are the first cohort able to request their donor information due to a 2005 regulatory change in the UK. The author examines ethical considerations around this change.

### I don't want to be a financial burden if I develop severe disability'

By - // The Straits Times

Details the CareShield Life programme to target people with disabilities as a form of practical planning for the future, preventing financial distress from long-term needs.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Non-clinical uses of antipsychotics in resource-constrained long-term care facilities: ethically justifiable as lesser of two evils?

By Hojjat Soofi // Journal of Medical Ethics

Investigates the ethical plausibility of using antipsychotic medications in LTCFs, arguing that there are considerable difficulties in demonstrating that such a practice satisfies the conditions of lesser evil justifications.

### Patient autonomy and withholding information

By Melissa Rees // Bioethics

Argues that in rare cases, withholding information can promote a patient's autonomy (understood as the capacity for rational choice in alignment with one's values and goals).

### Maternal autonomy and prenatal harm

By Nathan Robert Howard // Bioethics

Argues that a willingness to parent incurs a duty to protect the foetus from harm.

### An overview of ethical issues raised by medicolegal challenges to death by neurologic criteria in the United Kingdom and a comparison to management of these challenges in the USA

By Ariane Lewis // American Journal of Bioethics

Provides an overview of ethical issues raised by medicolegal challenges to DNC in the UK and a comparison to the management of such challenges in the USA.

### Exploring the ethics of the parental role in parent-clinician conflict

By Bryanna Moore, Rosalind McDougall // Hastings Center Report

Draws together key insights from normative and empirical literature on parental roles to show how a role-based lens might inform clinicians' and clinical ethicists' approach to cases in which parents and clinicians disagree.



## BLOG POSTS

### The new relevance of rationing

By Ben Davies // Practical Ethics

Highlights new problems of resource allocation and the danger of simply accepting systemic factors that contribute to the problem.

### Suicide assistance in Switzerland: for palliative care physicians, the reality is more complex than you might think

By Martyna Tomczyk // JME Blog

Study on physician and patient perspectives towards the regulation of activities of right-to-die organisations.

### Global ethics lecture - what is the fair and equitable allocation of scarce medical resources

By Ryan Friets // NUS Centre for Biomedical Ethics

Summarises Dr Ezekiel Emanuel's Global Ethics Lecture on the allocation of scarce medical resources and lessons to be learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The Ethics of Big Data and AI : Issues in Health and Healthcare

Educators: - Prof Julian Savulescu, Dr Owen Schaefer, Dr Victor Cole, Dr Muralidharan

Date: 21, 23, 27 and 30 March 2023

Time: 05:30pm - 08:00pm

Mode: Online

### 17th Annual International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation 2023

Theme: Clinical Ethics: Consultation and/or Education?

Dates: 7-10th June 2023

Venue: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome

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