

# CLINICAL ETHICS BULLETIN

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

### Supporting medical advances requires rethink of healthcare financing policies: Ong Ye Kung

By Joyce Teo // *The Straits Times*

Singapore calls for support in embracing technological advances in medicine while remaining aware of the risks and pitfalls.

### As a journalist, my partner fought for the facts. Yet the truth of his own medical condition was kept from him

By Charlotte Blease // *The Guardian*

Many patients in the UK are still unable to access their own online medical records, with a majority of primary care physicians being against allowing them to do so.

### Allow youth above 14 to seek help without parental consent: Mental health treatment providers

By Goh Yan Han // *The Straits Times*

Examines recent calls for Gillick competency to extend to minors seeking mental health treatment and its applicability.

### Netherlands to broaden euthanasia rules to cover children of all ages

By Reuters in the Hague // *The Guardian*

The Netherlands is widening euthanasia regulations to include assisted dying for terminally ill children between one and 12.

### Abortion pill case: what does the supreme court order mean and what comes next

By Poppy Noor // *The Guardian*

Examines the implications of the supreme court order to maintain current access to the termination of pregnancy drug.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Mapping the moral terrain of clinical deception

By Abram Brummett, Erica Salter // *Hastings Center Report*

Articulates a framework to help clinicians better navigate the ethics of clinical deceit.

### Precision medicine for whom? Public health outputs from "Genomics England" and "All of Us" to make up for upstream and downstream exclusion

By Ilaria Galasso // *American Journal of Bioethics*

Argues that enhanced focus on socio-environmental determinants of health and aligned public health interventions as precision medicine outputs would be beneficial for all.

### Mapping ethical issues in the use of smart home health technologies to care for older persons: a systematic review

By Nadine Felber et al. // *BMC Medical Ethics*

Review shows a lack of ethical consideration when it comes to the development and implementation of smart home health technologies for older persons.

### The ethical significance of consent to post-mortem organ retrieval

By Paweł Łuków // *Bioethics*

Examines the justifications behind various conceptions of consent for post-mortem organ donation.

### Undue influence from the family in declining Covid-19 vaccination and treatment for the elderly patient

By Lee See Muah et al. // *Asian Bioethics Review*

Uses a case to demonstrate the intersection between undue influence and mental capacity, and how healthcare teams may use undue influence as a means to find a patient lacking in capacity.



## BLOG POSTS

### Cross post: Dutch government to expand euthanasia law to include children aged one to 12 - An ethicist's view

By Dominic Wilkinson // *Practical Ethics*

Comments on the recent Dutch euthanasia expansion.

### Overcoming impediments to medically assisted dying: A signal for another approach?

By Juergen Dankwort // *JME Blog*

Comments on approaches to VAD legislation in various countries and how they may be shaped.

### Health equity without ethics perpetuates marginalization

By Virginia Brown, Jamie Riches, Renee McLeod-Sordjan // *Hastings Bioethics Forum*

Argues that proposed changes in the US targeting health care disparities are not in patients' best interests.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Asia Pacific Bioethics Education Network Congress 2023 Manila

Theme: Advancing Healthcare Quality and Safety Through Improved Ethics and Professionalism Capacities

Dates: 01 - 03 June 2023

Mode: Hybrid

### 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

### Bioethics for Outer Space

Educator: Dr Victor Cole

Date: 11, 13, 18 and 20 July 2023

Time: 06:00pm - 08:30pm

Mode: Online

### Executive Certificate in Healthcare Ethics and Law

Educators: - Dr Sumytra Menon and A/P Lee See Muah

Dates: Aug-Nov 2023

Time: 06:30pm - 08:00pm | Every Thursdays

Mode: Online

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