

# CLINICAL ETHICS BULLETIN

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

### **Synthetic human embryos created in groundbreaking advance**

*By Hannah Devlin // The Guardian*

The creating of synthetic human embryos using stem cells is groundbreaking, but raises serious ethical and legal issues.

### **Home care to be more affordable with use of MediSave from Oct**

*By Judith Tan // The Straits Times*

Details how Singapore is allowing those undergoing home palliative care to use MediSave funds to cover costs.

### **Commentary: MRI scans and AI could read what we're thinking. The implications are terrifying.**

*By Joshua Krook // CNA*

The recent breakthrough of using AI to translate MRIs into text raises the need for new forms of data privacy regulations, among other ethical and legal issues.

### **A major problem with compulsory mental health care is the medication**

*By Daniel Bergner // New York Times*

Analyses the focus on medication and mandatory treatment that underpins mental health treatment in the US.

### **Commentary: Chronic pain is a billion-dollar headache for Singapore**

*By Bernard Lee // CNA*

Examines how the strain placed by chronic pain on the healthcare system in Singapore can be alleviated.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Discrimination against the dying**

*By Philip Reed // Journal of Medical Ethics*

Identifies discrimination against the dying and reflects on its significance for end-of-life care.

### **Fertility treatment, valuable life projects and social norms in defence of defending (reproductive) treatments**

*By Giulia Cavaliere // Bioethics*

Responds to objections against expanding state funding of fertility treatments, calling for reproductive preferences to be taken more seriously when discussing fertility treatment provision and funding.

### **Against tiebreaking arguments in priority setting**

*By Borgar Jølstad, Erik Gustavsson // Journal of Medical Ethics*

Examines certain kinds of tiebreakers in prioritising healthcare allocations, arguing that some are ethically desirable and others are not.

### **Is it just for a screening program to give people all the information they want?**

*By Lisa Dive, Isabella Holmes, Ainsley Newson // American Journal of Bioethics*

Argues that providing access to genetic information beyond the scope of screening programmes lacks clinical utility, with pragmatic and ethical reasons to restrict information provision to the stated purpose of the program.

### **Regulating non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) for fetal sex selection**

*By Michelle Taylor-Sands, Channele Warton, Hilary Bowman-Smart // Medical Law Review*

Argues that there is insufficient evidence to restrict access to NIPT for fetal sex determination, and recommends a facilitative approach to regulating NIPT that would support individuals to make informed reproductive decisions.

## BLOG POSTS

### **Consent for medical treatment: What is 'reasonable'?**

*By Abeezar Sarela // JME Blog*

Discusses the meaning of 'reasonableness' in current case law surrounding informed consent.

### **Vaccine mandates can result in people losing their jobs. Does that make them unethical?**

*By Maxwell Smith // JME Blog*

Argues that the fact that people can lose jobs as a result of vaccine mandates is not a sufficient reason to argue that they are unethical.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **CBmE Global Ethics Lecture by Prof Peter Singer**

Title: Pandemic Ethics: Five Lessons

Date: 24 August 2023

Venue: River Room, Asian Civilisations Museum | In-person

### **Asian Paediatric Ethics Conference**

Date: 2 and 3 October 2023 | Registration opens on 1 Jul 2023

Venue: NUSS Kent Ridge Guild House | In-person

### **Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law (AABHL) Conference 2023 [Abstracts submission open]**

Dates: 19-22 November 2023

Venue: Brisbane, Australia

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