

CLINICAL ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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NEWS & ARTICLES

Nearly half of foreign domestic workers lack confidence or skill to meet seniors' healthcare needs: Study

By Judith Tan // *The Straits Times*

Foreign domestic workers are being increasingly hired as caregivers for the elderly without adequate training. Enhancing their knowledge in relevant areas of care through workshops dedicated to this purpose could be beneficial.

Cancer is striking more people in the prime of their lives. What can we do better?

By Ranjhana Srivastava // *The Guardian*

Overdiagnosis and underdiagnosis are both emblematic of deeper systemic issues in cancer care. The author asks younger patients to better advocate for themselves.

UK's first successful womb transplant – key questions answered

By Mary Neal // *The Conversation*

Womb transplants may be 'life-transforming' for those who are unable to gestate a foetus but the safety concerns and risks of this non-life saving procedure raise several ethical issues.

Commentary: AI improves breast cancer detection, but will that save lives?

By Lisa Jarvis // *Channel News Asia*

At least for now, breast cancer screening technologies continue to serve supplementary roles and are unable to replace doctors' expertise.

AMA calls for stronger AI regulations after doctors use ChatGPT to write medical notes

By Josh Taylor // *The Guardian*

AI models like ChatGPT present increased risks to patient privacy and confidentiality, biases embedded in algorithms, and potential for injury due to system errors. Regulations should be updated to account for these concerns.



PUBLICATIONS

Shared decision making and advance care planning: a systematic literature review and novel decision-making model

By Ana Rosca, Isabelle Karzig-Roduner, Jürgen Kasper, Niek Rogger, Daniel Drewniak and Tanja Kronen // *BMC Medical Ethics*

A systematic literature review of empirical studies on patients with aortic stenosis investigates an integrated approach to shared decision-making and advance care planning used in combination to facilitate the decision-making process.

Clinicians and AI use: where is the professional guidance?

By Helen Smith, John Downer, and Jonathan Ives // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

The authors highlight the necessity of specific regulations overseeing the use of AI as a new actor in clinical decision-making, capable of addressing the clinical safety of patients, professional safety of practitioners, and reputational safety of healthcare institutions.

Protecting the future child: foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, easy rescue and the regulation of maternal behaviour

By Catherine Mills // *Bioethics*

This essay takes on the concept of gestational harm and uses arguments from feminist bioethics to posit that interventions should be responsive to the social contexts of gestators who consume alcohol during pregnancy.

The moral difference between faces & faceTime

By Kyle E Karches // *Hastings Center Report*

While telemedicine may be useful in many situations, the author uses philosophical critiques of technology to argue that it does not serve as a sufficient substitute for in-person care.

When treatment pressures become coercive: a context-sensitive model of informal coercion in mental healthcare

By Christin Hempeler, Esther Braun, Sarah Potthoff, Jakov Gather and Matthé Scholten // *American Journal of Bioethics*

Treatment pressures such as persuasion, inducement, threats, etc. in mental healthcare as an informal mode of coercion are not adequately sensitive to context, i.e. the power imbalance between the professional and patient.



BLOG POSTS

Involuntary withdrawal - a bridge too far?

By Joanna Smolenski // *Hastings Bioethics Forum*

This case looks into the question of patients' decisional capacity in determining the inappropriateness of continuing treatment and unilateral withdrawal, in the context of public health crises.

Are terminally ill patients disabled?

By Phillip Reed // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

Evident distinctions between ableism and 'terminalism' (discrimination against the dying) push the author towards rethinking the categorisation of terminally ill patients as disabled.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Inaugural Asian Paediatric Ethics Conference: Emerging Ethical Issues in Paediatrics

Date: 2 and 3 October 2023

Venue: NUSS Kent Ridge Guild House | In-person

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Dates: 19-22 November 2023

Venue: Brisbane, Australia

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