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NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Commentary: What you need to know about AI's role in your A&E visit

By Michael Dunn and Liu Nan // Channel News Asia

The authors argue that information disclosure practices do not need to be amended now that AI models are increasingly influencing doctors' healthcare decision-making processes.

Private UK health data donated for medical research shared with insurance companies

By Shanti Das // The Guardian

An Observer investigation reveals that UK biobank has been sharing participant data with insurance companies despite public commitments to not do so.

My grandfather's heart attack taught me that a doctor's care goes beyond the patient

By Faye Ng Yu Ci // The Straits Times

A medical student's perspectives as a future doctor and as a caregiver when her grandfather was hospitalised, emphasise on the importance of empathetic communication with patients and their families.

Indi Gregory, baby girl at centre of legal battle, dies after life support removed

By Josh Halliday // The Guardian

The latest in a series of high profile end-of-life cases involving minors in the UK, Indi's struggle comes to an end shortly after the Court denied a last request for removal of life-support at home rather than in hospice.

Egg and sperm donors in UK to lose right to anonymity at birth under new plans

By Ian Sample // The Guardian

In a move towards updating the law to reflect realities, the UK Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has proposed that egg, sperm, and embryo donors will lose rights to anonymity upon the birth of the child as opposed to current requirements, i.e., when the child turns 18 years old.

Commentary: AI can revolutionise healthcare but several issues need to be tackled first

By Adrian Yeow and Foong Pin Sym // Today

This article lays out some obstacles in implementing AI in healthcare, as well as recommendations on how healthcare organisations can effectively integrate AI tools into their functions.

PUBLICATIONS

Consent-GPT: is it ethical to delegate procedural consent to conversational AI?

By Jemima Winifred Allen, Brian D Earp, Julian Koplein, and Dominic Wilkinson // Journal of Medical Ethics

Using a hypothetical example of delegating consent procedures to a large language conversational AI model, the authors discuss ethical and regulatory concerns about such delegation and find that in some situations, the benefits of these models seem to outweigh current practices in obtaining patient consent.

Childhood vaccine refusal and what to do about it: a systematic review of the ethical literature

By Kerrie Wiley, Maria Christou-Ergos, Chris Degeling, Rosalind McDougall, Penelope Robinson, et al // BMC Medical Ethics

A systematic review of 121 publications explores, categorises, and characterises normative arguments surrounding refusal of routine childhood vaccination by parents.

Reimagining thriving ethics programs without ethics committees

By Hilary Mabel, Joshua S. Crites, Thomas V. Cunningham, and Jordan Potter // American Journal of Bioethics

This target article argues for replacement of the traditional hospital ethics committee model with one that confers primary responsibility of ethics consultation on professional clinical ethicists.

What moral weight should patient-led demand have in clinical decisions about assisted reproductive technologies?

By Craig Stanbury, Wendy Lipworth, Siun Gallagher, Robert J. Norman, and Ainsley J. Newson // Bioethics

The authors use doctors' 'Professional Role Morality' to address patient-led demands in assisted reproductive technologies, towards arguing that strong justification is required to accede to these demands especially with the added complexities of commercial influences.

Is compulsory care ethically justified for patients with borderline personality disorder?

By Antoinette Lundahl, Gert Helgesson, and Niklas Juth // Clinical Ethics

Not unless the clinician is able to make an assessment that the patient lacks decision-making capacity, according to the authors.

BLOG POSTS

Gifting our medical information to Google

By Charlotte Blease // JME Blog

With an increasing trend of sharing detailed health information with Dr Google and other search engines, come greater privacy-related risks.

Conscientious Objection and Abortion: Medical Students' Perspective

By Leah Chen and Tudi Le // Hastings Bioethics Forum

Addressing conscientious objections starts at the very beginning - medical schools.

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