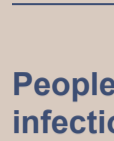


CLINICAL ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
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NEWS & ARTICLES

People with HIV no longer need to inform sexual partners of infection risk if 'undetectable viral load' maintained over time

By Grace Yeoh // Channel News Asia

The Infectious Diseases Act in Singapore has been amended to align with medical advancements and scientific evidence pertaining to HIV, and shifts responsibility on to individuals to get tested and treated so as to sustain an undetectable viral load.

UK report reveals bias within medical tools and devices

By Nicola Davis // The Guardian

An Independent Review panel on Equity in Medical Devices has raised concerns about inequities in access for racial/ethnic minorities, women, and others hailing from disadvantaged socioeconomic groups, and calls for future action.

Equity in Medical Devices: Independent Review

2023 Panel Report

The full report provides reflections and recommendations on addressing bias in medical tools and devices, including those that are optical, AI-enabled, or in genomics (using polygenic risk scores)

Why dialysis may not be a good option for some kidney failure patients

By Salma Khalik // The Straits Times

An increasing number of patients with multiple comorbidities or of older age are opting for holistic, supportive treatment towards a better end-of-life rather than extending life with dialysis.

Why a US state court ruling on the rights of children before birth is unjust

By Dominic Wilkinson // The Conversation

The author critiques the recent Alabama Supreme Court case ruling frozen embryos from IVF procedures as 'unborn children' as conflating the meanings of 'child'.

MOH investigating clinic for issuing MCs for \$5.99 without video or audio consultation

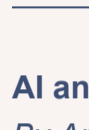
By Sarah Koh // The Straits Times

Medstar Medical Clinic and Surgery is being investigated by MOH for providing medical certificates without audio or video consultations, potentially violating various regulations under the Healthcare Services Act as well as the SMC Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines.

Warning over use in UK of unregulated AI chatbots to create social care plans"

By James Tapper // The Guardian

Use of unregulated AI chatbots like ChatGPT in formulating care plans presents significant ethical issues, including risks to patient confidentiality, biased or faulty information, and substandard quality of the plans.



PUBLICATIONS

AI and the need for justification (to the patient)

By Anantharaman Muralidharan, Julian Savulescu, and G Owen Schaefer // Ethics and Information Technology

Medical decisions must be justifiable and compatible with patients' values. Mere algorithmic transparency in black-box AI may not ensure this.

Can an AI-carebot be filial? Reflections from Confucian ethics

By Kathryn Muyskens, Yonghui Ma, and Michael Dunn // Nursing Ethics

The authors argue that from a Confucian ethics perspective, robots cannot sufficiently fulfil duties of care even if they are 'humanised'. But they may still be able to fulfil certain necessary aspects of elderly care.

Health providers' reasons for participating in abortion care: A scoping review

By Bronwen Merner, Casey M Haining, Lindy Willmott, Julian Savulescu, and Louise A Keogh // Women's Health

A scoping review of 68 empirical studies noting healthcare providers' reasons for participating in legal provision of abortion revealed a wide range, primarily pertaining to fostering women's choices and aligning with providers' own values.

Indi Gregory: A Wider Perspective on Children's Best Interests at the End-of-life

By Kevin De Sabbata and Abigail Pearson // Medical Law Review

This article explores in detail the latest high-profile case of withdrawing life support for a terminally ill child in the UK, i.e., Indi Gregory, and the implications of the judgment for autonomy and other subjective considerations in such cases.

Fostering relational autonomy in end-of-life care: a procedural approach and three-dimensional decision-making model

By Kar-Fai Foo, Ya-Ping Lin, Cheng-Pei Lin, and Yu-Chun Chen // Journal of Medical Ethics

The authors propose and discuss an integrated three-dimensional model for decision-making in end-of-life care using a descriptive and normative framework that fosters relational autonomy.



BLOG POSTS

Regulating International Commercial Surrogacy

By Hannah Rahim // Bill of Health (Petrie-Flom Center)

This post considers the various ethical arguments for and against international commercial surrogacy, the need for regulation of international commercial surrogacy, and strategies to do so.

Fetal Personhood, IVF, and the Negligent Loss of Embryos

By Bonnie Steinbock // Hastings Bioethics Forum

The author dissects how medical negligence has been played out in the controversial Alabama Supreme Court case and the problems arising from using the 'wrongful death' approach to compensate loss of IVF embryos, and suggests the creation of a new tort of 'reproductive negligence' as an alternative strategy.



VIDEOS

CENTRES Clinical Ethics Conference 2024 - Revisiting Best Interests

View videos of the talks and panel sessions and photos from the Conference here.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshop on The Ethics of Human Challenge Studies

Mode: In person at Clinical Sciences Building
Date & Time: 8 April 2024 | 9.00 to 1.00pm

AI Ethics: Beyond the Species Boundary

By Prof Peter Singer

Mode: In-person at Kent Ridge Guild House
Dates: 9 April 2024 | 5.00 to 6.30pm

Short Course on The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Register Now

Dates & Time & Mode: From Apr 2024 - Watch pre-recorded talks anytime | In May & June 2024 - 'Live' Online sessions

Educators' Course in Healthcare Ethics, Law & Professionalism (for Pharmacists)

Register Now.

Dates: 6, 9, 16 May 2024
Mode: In-person

Promoting health in the sexually active teenager - and ethical perspective.

Register Now.

Dates: 17 May 2024
Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm
Mode: Online

Canada's Evolving Assisted Dying Regime – A Country's Journey from Permissive to Restrictive to Permissive Eligibility Thresholds

Register Now.

Dates: 20 May 2024
Time: 5.00pm to 6.0pm
Mode: In-person

Short Course on Ageing and Ethics - The Ethics of Families in Ageing Societies

Register Now.

Dates: 3 & 10 June 2024
Time: 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Mode: Online

Short Course on Ageing and Ethics - The Ethics of Communities and Cultures in Ageing

Register Now.

Dates: 17 & 24 June 2024
Time: 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Mode: Online

Educators' Course in Healthcare Ethics, Law & Professionalism (for Nurses)

Register Now.

Dates: 18, 20, 27 June 2024
Mode: In-person

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