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NEWS & ARTICLES

Groundless complaints can drive doctors away. Here's why patients need to be held accountable

By Ranjana Srivastava // The Guardian

Vexatious complaints against doctors can cause psychological harm and drive them away from the profession. Better mechanisms must be instituted to factcheck and triage complaints and better educate patients about their own responsibilities.

Commentary: More than just sick leave, MCs hold legal weight that can influence criminal cases

By Mark Yeo // Channel News Asia

Not just employers or schools, but even the courts rely on medical certificates (MCs) to assess the type of charges placed on an accused and the severity of the sentence, thus requiring even more reliability from MCs.

Historic amendments to the WHO's International Health Regulations create a path towards an equitable pandemic treaty

By Roojin Habibi // The Conversation

The newly amended regulations' emphasis on trust, solidarity, equity, and transparency is laudable, but challenges in implementation may well render this effort symbolic.

Psychiatrist Ang Yong Guan found guilty of misconduct over prescriptions that deviated from guidelines

By Selina Lum // The Straits Times

The Court of Three Judges has overturned the decision of an SMC Disciplinary Tribunal and found Dr Ang guilty of professional misconduct on account of unjustifiable departure from codified medical standards by prescribing excessive dosages of antidepressants, opioid painkillers, and sleeping pills.

PUBLICATIONS

Medical ethics of Large Language Models in medicine

By Jasmine Chiat Ling Ong, Shelley Yin-Hsi Chang, Wasswa William, Atul J. Butte, Nigam H. Shah, et al. // NEJM AI

The authors propose a framework to guide the responsible application of LLMs by parties involved in medicine, i.e., patients, clinicians, and the systems governing the LLMs, as well as potential approaches to mitigate the risks.

Managing nurse redeployment during the Covid-19 pandemic, lessons for future redeployment: A qualitative study

By Hannah Hartley, Alice Dunning, Michael Dunn, Angela Grange, Jenni Murray, et al. // International Journal of Nursing Studies

A qualitative study using semi-structured interviews and focus groups with nurse managers and Human Resource advisors involved in redeploying nurses, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic, suggests prioritisation of nursing staffing numbers over personal wellbeing.

Using Artificial Intelligence in patient care—Some considerations for doctors and medical regulators

By Kanny Ooi // Asian Bioethics Review

The author engages in a discussion of various considerations and steps to be undertaken by medical regulators in setting standards for the use of AI in healthcare.

On what grounds? A pilot study of references used in Clinical Ethics consultation and education

By Kelly Turner, Abram Brummett and Erica Salter // HEC Forum

This study surveys ethics consultants and educators affiliated with academic bioethics and/or the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities about specific references that inform their practice of consultation/education in the five most frequently encountered topics.

Better conversations for better informed consent: Talking with surgical patients

By Margaret L. Schwarze, Robert M. Arnold, Justin T. Clapp, and Jacqueline M. Kruser // Hastings Center Report

A new, 5-step framework on better supporting patients families in considering whether surgery, or other interventions would be the best option.

BLOG POSTS

Clinical Ethics Case Studies: Should he have a vasectomy?

By Benjamin Tolchin and Kristina Gaffney // Hastings Bioethics Forum

An ethical analysis of a case of the parents of an 18-year-old man with autism and intellectual disability requesting a vasectomy, grounded in the history of forced sterilisations for individuals with intellectual disabilities in the US.

Thoraco-Abdominal Normothermic Regional Perfusion: Can the dead "beheaded" donor be killed?

By Christos Lazaridis // JME Forum

This post examines the ethical permissibility of performing this novel technique for donation after the circulatory determination of death, which has been heavily criticised and even banned in some countries for seemingly violating the dead donor rule.

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