

CLINICAL ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

The doctor will see you now - and listen to your story

By Faye Ng // *The Straits Times*

To achieve a humanistic and relational model of medicine, patients should be encouraged to tell their stories of journeying through illness, and doctors should listen

Kidneys from Black donors are more likely to be thrown away – a bioethicist explains why

By Ana S Iltis // *The Conversation*

The US organ transplantation system erroneously considers kidneys from Black donors more likely to stop working soon after a transplant, raising serious ethical concerns around fairness and justice in allocation of scarce resources.

As my patient was dying, this is how we failed her

By Ranjana Srivastava // *The Guardian*

Patients wishing to die at home without pain are often let down, given the high costs of palliative care and an underfunded system.

Commentary: Many seriously ill patients end up living for treatments

By Alethea Yee, Shirlyn Neo, Gillian Phua // *Channel News Asia*

Serious illness conversations are necessary beyond end-of-life conversations, i.e., aligning the patient's priorities and values with care options in the face of a life-limiting illness. But they are largely conducted too late or too infrequently.

Commentary: Patients are dying unnecessarily while waiting for organ donors

By Julian Savulescu and Sumytra Menon // *Channel News Asia*

Organs from one person could potentially save at least nine lives. Measures to enhance the donation rate should be implemented.

Online GP consultations have led to harm and death, investigation finds

By Dennis Campbell // *The Guardian*

A report by the Health Services Safety Investigations Branch reveals multiple cases of misdiagnoses, missed or delayed care, and even death due to overreliance on online tools instead of face-to-face consultations.



PUBLICATIONS

How the EU AI Act Seeks to Establish an Epistemic Environment of Trust

By Calvin Wai-Loon Ho and Karen Caals // *Asian Bioethics Review*

The EU's newly approved AI Act makes numerous references to trust and trustworthiness. The authors suggest that the legislation establishes socio-epistemological infrastructure to incorporate these concepts in the context of digital health.

Everyday Clinical Ethics: Essential Skills and Educational Case Scenarios

By Elaine C Meyer, Giulia Lamiani, Melissa Uveges, Renee McLeod-Sordjan, Christine Mitchell, et al. // *HEC Forum*

In this study, semi-structured interviews with a convenience sample of bioethicists were conducted to identify essential "everyday" skills in clinical ethics as well as a database of educational case scenarios.

Mental health treatments and the influence of culture: portrayals of hypnotherapy and electroconvulsive therapy in Singaporean television dramas

By Graham Matthews and Melissa Ho // *Medical Humanities*

Representations of hypnotherapy and electroconvulsive therapy in Singaporean television dramas are perpetuating problematic stereotypes and potentially discouraging treatment seeking behaviour.

The ethics of natural immunity exemptions to vaccine mandates: the Supreme Court petition

By Jonathan Pugh, Julian Savulescu, Rebecca CH Brown, and Dominic Wilkinson // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

The authors review new evidence on the relationship between different types of immunity and call for greater justification when imposing blanket vaccine mandates without natural immunity exceptions.

Doctor–Parent Disagreement for Preterm Infants Born in the Grey Zone: Do Ethical Frameworks Help?

By Alice Cavolo, Danya F Vears, Gunnar Naulers, Bernadette Dierckx de Casterlé, Lynn Gillam, and Chris Gastmans // *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*

A case analysis of a preterm infant in the grey zone, comparatively using the Best Interest Standard and the Zone of Parental Discretion, to assess the importance of ethical frameworks in facilitating the decision-making process.

Legal governance of artificial intelligence in healthcare devices and services in Singapore (Book chapter)

By AWarren B Chik and Haran Sugumaran; Barry Solaiman and I Glenn Cohen (eds) // *Research Handbook on Health, AI and the Law*

This book chapter engages in a comprehensive discussion on governance frameworks for the use of AI in healthcare devices and services in Singapore.



BLOG POSTS

Making visible the invisible elements of clinical ethics consultation

By Clare Delany, Sharon Feldman, Barbara Kameniar, and Lynn Gillam // *JME Blog*

Processes of deliberation and facilitation during a clinical ethics consultation are often invisible to others. The authors reflect on how to make them more visible.

Consenting to or requesting medical care?

By Joseph Moore // *Practical Ethics*

An exploration of the role and ethics of requesting medical interventions as opposed to the more ubiquitous consent frameworks.



VIDEOS

Shared Decision-Making: Perspectives from a patient, a doctor, and an ethicist

Video lectures by Ellil Mathiyar, Yew Tong Wei, Sumytra Menon

CENTRES@CBmE brings you our latest e-module featuring a panel of experts and their perspectives on the collaborative process of shared decision-making in healthcare.



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Mode: Online

Date & Time: 23 Oct - 25 Oct 2024 | 9.00am – 1.00pm

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Mode: In-person

Date & Time: 6 Nov 2024 - 7 Nov 2024 | 9.00am – 6.00pm

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