

CLINICAL ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Commentary: Singapore Paralympians' gold medals shine, but radical inclusion will be the real prize

By Michael Dunn, Kathryn Muyskens, and Harsh Hiwase // Channel News Asia

Narratives surrounding persons with disabilities continue to perpetuate their position in society as passive recipients of care. More radical forms of inclusion demand attitudinal shifts from attempting to 'fix' persons with disabilities, towards recognising their unique identities and contributions.

NHS electronic health records pose 'serious safety risks'

By Jon Ungeod-Thomas // The Guardian

While electronic record systems have significant potential to improve patient care, investigations have revealed over 900 incidents of harms to patients, linked to implementation of new systems.

Some clinicians are using AI to write health records. What do you need to know?

By Stacy Carter, Farah Magrabi, and Yves Saint James Aquino // The Conversation

Use of digital scribes to write medical records may reduce workload and improve the quality of patient-professional interactions. But while these technologies are still fallible, concerns around adequacy of human oversight, patient consent, and confidentiality of records must be addressed.

As seniors become caregivers to seniors, can doctors lighten their load?

By Tan Kok Yang // The Straits Times

With caregivers of elderly patients increasing in age themselves, meaningful conversations around the goals of care for their loved ones as well as their own are in critical need.

A rushed UK law is no way to make such a vital, painful decision as how to die

By Sonia Sodha // The Guardian

Expedited efforts to legalise assisted dying in the UK without adequate prelegislative research and safeguards may not be the most appropriate approach to such a complex issue.



PUBLICATIONS

Generative artificial intelligence and ethical considerations in health care: a scoping review and ethics checklist

By Yilin Ning, Salinelat Teixayavong, Yuqing Shang, Prof Julian Savulescu, Michael Dunn, et al. // The Lancet Digital Health

This scoping review reveals several inadequacies in ethical discussions pertaining to generative AI research and its applications in healthcare, and proposes a checklist of relevant principles and considerations in developing and implementing these technologies.

Framing effects from misleading implicatures: an empirically based case against some purported nudges

By Shang Long Yeo // Journal of Medical Ethics

The author dives into the ethics of nudging and the effects of treatment framing on patients' consent and informed decisions.

Nurses' experiences and sense making of COVID-19 redeployment and the impact on well-being, performance, and turnover intentions: A longitudinal multimethod study

By Alice Dunning, Hannah Hartley, Kerrie Unsworth, Ruth Simms-Ellis, Michael Dunn, et al. // International Journal of Nursing Studies Advances

An analysis of qualitative and quantitative data gathered from 62 nurses across three NHS acute hospital trusts in England, about their experiences with redeployment during COVID-19, how they made sense of it, and the psychological and professional implications.

Determining Mental Capacity and Identifying Surrogates: The Need for Clearer Guidance on Medical Decision-Making in Malaysia

By Mark Kiak Min Tan // Asian Bioethics Review

This paper explores the concepts of decision-making capacity and surrogate decision-making towards identifying key components and relevant principles, and reviews current guidance in Malaysia relating to these issues.

Regulating algorithmic care in the European Union: evolving doctor-patient models through the Artificial Intelligence Act (AI-Act) and the liability directives

By Barry Solaiman and Abeer Malik // Medical Law Review

The authors argue that the increasing integration of AI into healthcare poses adverse implications for patient autonomy, given the limitations of the risk-based approach under the EU's AI Act.



BLOG POSTS

PRESS RELEASE: Oxford-led Study Calls for End to "Medically Unnecessary" Intersex Surgeries

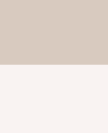
By Brian D Earp // Practical Ethics

An international team of experts has argued that surgeries intended to 'normalise' pre-pubertal children (particularly those with intersex traits) are medically unnecessary, violate bodily integrity and future sexual autonomy, and must be stopped.

In conversation with members of England's first Citizens' Jury on assisted dying

By Molly Gray // Nuffield Council on Bioethics Blog

The majority of a recent Citizens' Jury in England has voted in favour of legalising assisted dying for persons with terminal illnesses and capacity to make these decisions. Some members of the Jury share their reflections on participating in this deliberative process.



PODCASTS

Heart Health in Asia

By Professor Roger Foo // Hosts: Julian Savulescu and Sinead Prince // CBmE&U

Professor Roger Foo answers questions about Project RESET, heart health issues in Asia, the positive and negative impacts of personalised medicine, bridging racial gaps in knowledge, and whether we have free will.

Large Language Models & Bioethics

By Dr Sebastian Porsdam Mann // Hosts: James Lim & Sinead Prince // CBmE&U

Our hosts interview visiting fellow Dr. Sebastian Porsdam Mann (Center for Advanced Studies in Bioscience Innovation Law, University of Copenhagen) on the use of large language models (LLM's) in bioethics. Sebastian discusses how and why to use LLM's in bioethics research and for incapacitated patients to provide consent.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Singapore Research Ethics Conference (SREC) 2024

Register Now. (Registration closes on 4 Oct.)

Mode: Online

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

2024 Asian Paediatric Ethics Conference

Register Now.

Mode: In-person

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

The International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation (ICCEC) 2025

Call for Abstracts Now.

Mode: In-person

Date: 4 - 7 June 2025

Location: Lausanne – Switzerland

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