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Biography

Lee Ai is a clinician and educator trained in paediatrics, oncology, palliative care and bioethics. She completed her undergraduate medical studies at University of Adelaide and received her clinical training in Malaysia, Australia, and United Kingdom. She has been practicing as a palliative care physician since 2011, working at Hospis Malaysia the largest home palliative care provider in Malaysia before heading the paediatric palliative care unit at Universiti Malaya Medical Centre in 2018. Lee Ai teaches undergraduate medical students, postgraduate Masters in Paediatrics and Masters in Health Research Ethics at University Malaya. She moderates the bimonthly Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds organised by the Medical Humanities and Ethics Unit, University Malaya. Lee Ai chairs the Hospital Clinical Ethics Committee and completed the 2024 Harvard Ethics Consultation Skills Course. Lee Ai is also interested in incorporating the teaching of Narrative Medicine to medical students in the attempt to improve healthcare provision.

Symposium 3: Ethical Complexities in Domiciliary Palliative Care - Malaysian Perspective

Abstract

Paediatric Palliative Care promotes active interventions that ensure a child with serious illness lives well to their potential for however long they have. The focus of care is on promoting quality of life and to mitigate suffering. However a child and their family's needs and the location of care may vary throughout the illness journey. Hospital-based palliative care may not be appropriate for families all the time and the availability of domiciliary palliative care becomes a vital component for quality palliative care. However there are several ethical challenges in facilitating equitable quality care for children and their families at home and some of these will be discussed.