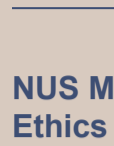


# CLINICAL ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS  
FROM AROUND THE WORLD  
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## NEWS & ARTICLES

### NUS Medicine launches VK Rajah Professorship in Medical Ethics

By NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine News (Press Release)

A new Professorship in Medical Ethics has been established in the name of the former Attorney General and High Court Judge, to be vested at the School of Medicine.

### 'Look, they're getting skin!': are we right to strive to save the world's tiniest babies?

By Sophie McBain // *The Guardian*

Doctors are being tasked with saving an increasing number of even younger, extremely premature babies. But how far should we keep going?

### Despite the bad rap, telemedicine is the future of healthcare

By Renald Loh // *Channel News Asia*

Despite the limitations of telemedicine and its potential for abuse, the recent MaNaDr controversy in Singapore has served as a wakeup call and spurred a push towards higher standards and increased transparency and safeguards towards maintaining public confidence.

### What are the key issues in the assisted dying bill debate?

By Harriet Sherwood // *The Guardian*

With England and Wales set to legislate on assisted dying soon, this piece discusses some of the key issues in the debate.

### Singaporeans more aware of mental health conditions; less stigma over such issues: IMH study

By Lee Li Ying // *The Straits Times*

A study by the Institute of Mental Health reveals increased public awareness around common mental health conditions such as OCD, dementia, etc., as well as lower stigmatising attitudes.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Giving meaning to values in mental capacity law

By Camillia Kong, John Coggon, and Michael Dunn // *Law Quarterly Review*

The authors argue that the basic legal requirement to consider a person's 'values' under the Mental Capacity Act is underspecified, resulting in confusion around its framing and application.

### The permissibility of biased AI in a biased world: An ethical analysis of AI for screening and referrals for diabetic retinopathy in Singapore

By Kathryn Muyskens, Angela Ballantyne, Julian Savulescu, Harisan Unais Nasir, and Anantharaman Muralidharan // *Asian Bioethics Review*

Using a case study of an AI-based diagnostic tool for diabetic retinopathy which has been found to have differing levels of effectiveness across different ethnic groups in Singapore, the authors argue that some degree of algorithmic bias may be ethically tolerable, if certain conditions are fulfilled.

### Wish to die trying to live: unwise or incapacitous? The case of University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust versus 'ST'

By Joanna Wellesley, Dominic Wilkinson, and Bryanna Moore // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

The UK Court of Appeal has overturned a Court of Protection's ethically and legally flawed judgment in Sudiksha's case which conflated unwise decisions and false beliefs regarding clinical outcomes with incapacity - but a tad too late.

### Transforming healthcare with integrated inter-professional education in a research-driven medical school

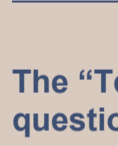
By Dujeepa D Samarasekera, Yap Seng Chong, Kenneth Ban, ..., Michael Dunn, et al. // *Medical Teacher*

A 'common curriculum' has been introduced at Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Pharmacy undergraduate students at NUS Medicine, towards addressing professional hierarchies and improving interprofessional collaboration.

### Moral enhancement and cheapened achievement: Psychedelics, virtual reality and AI

By Emma C. Gordon, Katherine Cheung, Brian D. Earp, and Julian Savulescu // *Bioethics*

The authors spell out the 'Cheapened Achievement Argument' in bioenhancement and consider its applicability in moral enhancement as well.



## BLOG POSTS

### The "Terminally Ill Adults Bill" in England and Wales: Which questions are relevant, and which ones are not?

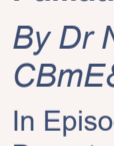
By Alberto Giubilini // *Practical Ethics*

The author argues that Assisted Dying legislation is ultimately about the role of the healthcare professional, not about the right to take one's own life or the morality of suicide.

### What 23andMe owes its users

By Jonathan LeTempio, Jr. // *Hastings Bioethics Forum*

Users of 23andMe and other DTC genetic testing companies can avail of some legal protections, at least under US federal regulations.



## PODCASTS

### Palliative Care and Dealing with Death

By Dr Neo Han Yee // Hosts: James Lim and Sinead Prince // *CBmE&U*

In Episode #7, Dr. Neo Han Yee (Senior Consultant and Head of the Department of Palliative Medicine at Tan Tock Seng Hospital) discusses his experience, learnings, and philosophies on palliative care and end-of-life practices. Han Yee answers questions about the meaning of death and life, whether suffering is valuable, the importance of intentionality in palliative care, and how medicine ought to be better prepared to provide palliative care across the board.

### Moderate Compassionate Antinatalism

By Mr Marcus Teo // Hosts: James Lim & Sinead Prince // *CBmE&U*

In Episode 8, Sinead and James interview CBmE Doctoral Candidate Marcus Teo on his PhD analysing the ethics of having children (or not). Marcus answers questions about the antinatalist movement, his unique approach, and the difference between a life worth continuing from a life worth starting. Marcus asks us to consider whether we can truly ensure a child's life will contain more good than bad, and how we deal with the uncertainty of future planning.



## VIDEO

CENTRES ELECTIVES - Clinical Ethics Beyond the Basics:

### Public Health and Ethics

Video lectures by Angus Dawson

The 10th module in our latest CENTRES initiative is on Public Health and Ethics, led by Professor Angus Dawson from the Centre for Biomedical Ethics. Angus talks about the foundations of public health, some core ethical values and considerations, and how these are distinct from ethics in clinical care.

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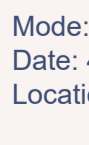
The 11th module in our latest CENTRES initiative is on Health and Justice, led by Professor Angus Dawson from the Centre for Biomedical Ethics. Angus covers the concepts of justice and equity in health with focus on socioeconomic determinants of health.

CENTRES ELECTIVES - Clinical Ethics Beyond the Basics:

### Vulnerable Populations

Video lectures by Mathavi Senguttuvan

The 12th module in our latest CENTRES initiative is on Vulnerable Populations, led by Mathavi Senguttuvan from the Centre for Biomedical Ethics. Mathavi dives into the concept of vulnerability and what it means for healthcare practice in particular.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Register now.

Mode: In-person

Date: 4 - 7 June 2025

Location: Lausanne – Switzerland

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