



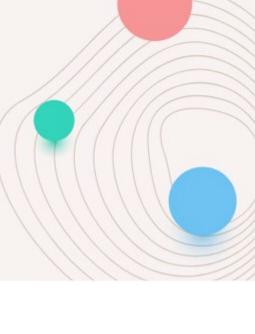




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bringing preventive, dignity-focused ageing support closer to home.

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Age Well Neighbourhoods to integrate existing initiatives, be

and more young patients are getting it By Taufiq Zalizan // Channel News Asia

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Dunn // International Journal of Transgender Health

Young-onset dementia is rising in Singapore, exposing huge gaps in care and leaving families to shoulder the emotional and financial weight of an ageing society.

By Shilpa Surendran, Brian D Earp, Voo Teck Chuan, and Michael

Singapore indicate how filial piety, stigma, National Service obligations and other sociocultural and legal factors can influence gender identity development and

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parental experiences in Singapore

(rather than replace) essential human roles.

education between 2000 and 2024

professional identity development of mentors.

Earp // Journal of Medical Ethics

Brian D Earp // Bioethics

the coming out process.

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authors argue.

By Alexis Heng Boon Chin and Timothy Anand Weerasekera // Science and Public Policy In a hypercompetitive, Confucian society like Singapore, permitting germline gene editing for human enhancement could supercharge consumer eugenics deepening socioeconomic inequalities while eroding social cohesion—the

Singapore permitting human genetic enhancement via germline

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By James Toomey, Jonathan Lewis, Ivar R Hannikainen, and Brian D

When deciding for themselves, people tend lean towards their "true selves; but

seemingly 'authentic' wishes—deeply complicating the evidentiary standards of

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Savulescu, and Tenzin Wangmo // Journal of Medical Ethics

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By Cristina Voinea, Sebastian Porsdam Mann, Julian Savulescu, and

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future practitioners in different roles for the realities of collective moral

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By Michael Dunn // Nursing Ethics

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