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NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Singapore faces shortage of organ donations; more than 500 patients waiting for transplant

By Sherlyn Seah and Louisa Tang // *Channel News Asia*

Singapore's organ shortage continues to test the limits of the collective healthcare system and raises questions about a consolidated national registry for organ, body, and brain donations.

I accompanied my wife to Dignitas. The Lords' filibustering is an insult to all like her who have suffered

By Dave Sowry // *The Guardian*

The author shares his personal experience with his terminally ill wife's assisted death to argue that the UK assisted dying bill should prioritize compassion and remove bureaucratic obstacles for those facing imminent death, criticizing the House of Lords for delaying progress.

KTPH geriatric wards see improvements as they go restraint-free

By Zhaki Abdullah // *The Straits Times*

Successes in restraint-free geriatric care signal a much needed shift from risk-avoidance to dignity-preserving, person-centred care for frail older patients.

Unpaid caregiving work can feel small and personal, but that doesn't take away its ethical value

By Jen Zamzow // *The Conversation*

Despite being morally and socially significant labour that sustains health systems, unpaid caregiving remains structurally undervalued.

AI deepfakes of real doctors spreading health misinformation on social media

By Dennis Campbell // *The Guardian*

Deepfake videos of real doctors are weaponising trust in medical authority, prompting calls for greater accountability and vigilance from social media platforms hosting such content.

PUBLICATIONS

Addressing genetic discrimination for stronger legal protections and enhanced public awareness

By Shizuko Takahashi, Lan Tianxiang, Toh Hui Jin, Alexa Jo Nord-Bronzyk, Ivan Teo, Sumytra Menon, Julian Savulescu and Owen Schaefer // *npj Genomic Medicine*

This cross-sectional survey explores the prevalence of self-reported genetic discrimination in Singapore as well as the factors that influence one's willingness to undergo genetic testing.

Critical engagement: The value of transparency of AI in healthcare

By James Edgar Lim, Owen Schaefer and Julian Savulescu // *Philosophy & Technology*

The paper argues that transparency in the use of AI in healthcare is valuable as transparent AI models enable clinicians to critically engage with the AI models they use and the recommendations provided by such AI models. This allows clinicians to make reasoned decisions on whether to maintain or change their own judgments.

"Irresponsible Not to Share Such Important Information": A Narrative of Responsibility That Underpins Familial Disclosure of Genetic Risk in Singapore

By Serene Ong // *Bioethics*

This study of 21 Singaporean patients with familial hypercholesterolemia (FH) reveals that their decisions to disclose genetic risk to relatives were primarily driven by beneficence, emotional proximity, and unprompted notions of responsibility, rather than the rights-based frameworks often emphasized in bioethical literature.

When is suicide a public health issue?

By Tessa Jane Holzman and Julian Savulescu // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

The article critiques the dominant public health approach to suicide prevention in Australia, arguing for a more nuanced strategy that distinguishes between rational and irrational suicides and supports individuals with treatment-resistant suicidal ideation in achieving a "good death" when appropriate.

The Parental Gambit: Moral Luck and Lives Worth Living

By Marcus Teo // *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*

This article argues that childbirth is an exercise in moral luck—where parents who have children with lives worth living benefit from good moral luck but are not praiseworthy for this outcome, while parents whose children have lives not worth living are blameworthy—highlighting that procreation itself is a morally risky gamble rather than a praiseworthy act.

BLOG POSTS

Health Mediation: A New Perspective on Health Conflict Resolution

By Ana Inés Diaz // *Bill of Health (The Petrie-Flom Center) Blog*

This piece presents mediation as a richer alternative to litigation in healthcare disputes, reframing conflict resolution around patient care and restoring trust in the system rather than as an adversarial process.

Assisted dying in England and Wales: Arranging provision and at what cost?

By Alexandra Mullock, Suzanne Ost, and Nancy Preston // *JME Blog*

As assisted dying moves closer to reality in the UK, this post warns against solely focusing on legality, and considers a range of other unresolved issues including who would provide the service, how burdens will be distributed, and whether cost pressures will quietly shape end-of-life choices.

VIDEOS

Why should clinical students study the humanities? - CBME Health Humanities Hub

By Professor Peter Singer, VK Rajah Visiting Professor (NUS), Associate Professor Nicola Siew Pei Ngiam (NUS), Dr Ann Toh (NUS)

A multidisciplinary panel explores why clinical students should study the humanities, highlighting the value of philosophy, narrative medicine, and cultural perspectives in health education and practice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ethics of Unsolicited Clinical Trial Recruitment via Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

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