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NEWS

No Zoom meeting ever replaces the solace of grieving with relatives - Ranjana Srivastava // The Guardian
The loss of the comfort of ritual for doctors and families during the pandemic.

Tough calls – how best to break bad news - Jennifer Trueland // BMA News
Communication suggestions for the intensified difficulties of breaking bad news under pandemic conditions.

Covid-19 makes us face the hazy line between ‘elective’ and ‘essential’ medicine - Nitin K. Ahuja // Washington Post
The pandemic is causing clinicians to struggle with the differences between what care is urgent and what can wait.

Leaders speak out about their concerns regarding older people in the context of COVID-19 - // WHO
World health leaders discuss effects on the elderly during the pandemic.

At Mayo Clinic, sharing patient data with companies fuels AI innovation — and concerns about consent - Casey Ross // Stat News
Mayo Clinic has given 16 companies health data on patients without their consent.

Rapid Policy Briefing: COVID-19 antibody testing and ‘immunity certification’ // Nuffield Council on Bioethics
Ethical and practical considerations for immunity testing.

PUBLICATIONS

Revisiting the equity debate in COVID-19: ICU is no panacea - Angela Ballantyne, Wendy A Rogers, Vikki Entwistle, Cindy Towns // Journal of Medical Ethics
Equity concerns during the pandemic should include providing access to the best possible standards of end of life care.

The role of palliative medicine in ICU bed allocation in COVID-19: a joint position statement of the Singapore Hospice Council and the Chapter of Palliative Medicine Physicians - Lalit Kumar Radha Krishna, Han Yee Neo, Elisha Wan Ying Chia et al // Asian Bioethics Review
Guiding Ethical Principles for ICU and palliative care during Covid-19.

Covid-19: Ethical Challenges for Nurses - Georgina Morley, Christine Grady, Joan McCarthy, Connie M. Ulrich // The Hastings Center Report
Nurses face specific ethical issues as a result of the pandemic and their perspectives should be valued.

Ethical Challenges Arising in the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Overview from the Association of Bioethics Program Directors Task Force - Amy L. McGuire, Mark P. Aulisio, F. Daniel Davis, et al // American Journal of Bioethics
Discussion of issues and prognostic scoring systems in resource allocation and rationing during pandemics.

BLOGS

Moral distress among healthcare workers: ethics support is a crucial part of the puzzle - A.M. Viens, Catherine R. Mc Gowan, Caroline M. Vass // BMJ Opinion
Suggested strategies for minimizing moral distress of healthcare workers.

The role of the ethics consultant in triage: an Italian experience - Mario Picozzi, Federico Nicoli, Paolo Severgnini // Bioethics.net
Ethicists as members of the clinical team ameliorate moral distress.

After the Surge: Prioritizing the Backlog of Delayed Hospital Procedures - Jana M. Craig, Mark P. Aulisio and Thomas May // Hastings Bioethics Forum
Factors that must be considered in prioritizing scheduling of delayed medical treatments as hospitals open up for non-Covid cases.

Measure Twice and Cut Once: The Value of Health Care Ethicists in the Pandemic - Mark G. Kuczewski // Hastings Bioethics Forum
Institutionalizing medical ethics as a value add for efficacy and efficiency.

“You Can See Your Loved One Now.” Can Visitor Restrictions During Covid Unduly Influence End-of-Life Decisions? - Melanie Smith, Julia Vermylen and Joshua Hauser // The Hastings Center Forum
Potential, unexpected impacts of visitor restriction policies in ICUs.

VIDEOS & PODCASTS

Covid-19: Updates from Singapore // NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
Videos of previous sessions: healthcare experts give insights into Covid-19.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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