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NEWS

Coronavirus: Supply of vaccine likely to be limited when made available in Singapore - Timothy Goh // Straits Times

Decisions regarding priority of recipients and issues around mandatory requirements will have to be made when the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available.

Many doctors have colleagues they wouldn't want to treat their own family - Ranjana Srivastava // The Guardian

Physicians can avoid doctors they think are unsafe or unprofessional, but their patients can't.

The Covid Drug Wars That Pitted Doctor vs. Doctor - Susan Dominus // The New York Times

Vigorous disagreements existed between doctors regarding treating patients with unproven drugs during Covid-19.

Why 'Zoom medicine' is not the answer to all our ills - Josh Hall // The Guardian

Remote consultations are appropriate for median cases, but cannot replace face to face encounters for patients with chronic or serious problems.

It Changed My Life: 'I want eggs, good ones,' says top fertility expert: Ann Tan - Wong Kim Ho // Straits Times

Fertility expert believes that the social freezing of ovum and sperm would help in addressing Singapore's low birth rate.

PUBLICATIONS

Family Presence for Patients and Separated Relatives During COVID-19: Physical, Virtual, and Surrogate

- Teck Chuan Voo, Mathavi Senguttuvan & Clarence C. Tam // Journal of Bioethical Inquiry

Pandemic responses should include considerations of patient and family-centered isolation policies that maintain social bonds.

The Pitfalls of Overtreatment: Why More Care is not Necessarily Beneficial - Kenny Ooi // Asian Bioethics Review

Ethical and practical reasons and strategies can reduce and avoid overtreatment.

Triage of critical care resources in COVID-19: a stronger role for justice - Lynette Reid // Journal of Medical Ethics

Pandemic triage of scarce resources should consider additional values besides utility including fundamental egalitarian concerns, social justice concerns and non-discrimination concerns.

Socio-ethical Dimension of COVID-19 Prevention Mechanism—The Triumph of Care Ethics - Charles Biradzem Dine // Asian Bioethics Review

The experience and perspective of care ethics during Covid-19 can inform pandemic policy.

Understanding Ethical and Legal Obligations in a Pandemic: A Taxonomy of "Duty" for Health Practitioners - Linda Sheahan & Scott Lamont // Journal of Bioethical Inquiry

Legal, professional and personal duties to care during a pandemic.

BLOGS

Must Clinical Ethics Committees Involve Patients or Families in their Meetings? - Dominic Wilkinson and Michael Dunn // Practical Ethics Blog

The authors argue against including direct patient/family involvement in clinical ethics committee consults.

Pandemic Ethics: Good Reasons to Vaccinate: COVID19 Vaccine, Mandatory or Payment Model? - Julian Savulescu // Practical Ethics Blog

The article examines different strategies for Covid-19 vaccine distribution.

Hacking Ventilators in a Pandemic - Sidney M. Johnson, Dylan Bothamley and Russell K. Woo // Hastings Bioethics Forum

Modifications of ventilators during a pandemic can be ethical and in keeping with utilitarian principles.

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