

# CLINICAL ETHICS

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD  
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## NEWS

**Instead of prolonging life, a dying patient's final wish is an antidote for our times** - Ranjana Srivastava // The Guardian

*When medicine errs on the side of doing too much, a dying patient can choose to accept mortality.*

**How should we decide who gets Covid-19 vaccine first?** - G. Owen Schaefer and Tan Kok-Chor // Straits Times

*It is time to consider various distribution strategies for a Covid-19 vaccine.*

**Tired staff, but pushing on: How TTSH-NCID responded to COVID-19 from day one** - Christy Yip, Anne-Marie Lim, Ray Yeh // Channel News Asia

*Eight months treating Covid-19 at TTSH and NCID.*

**Support for new dementia patients** - Joyce Teo // Straits Times

*Post-diagnostic support can now give dementia patients a better quality of life.*

**Healing the Whole Family** - Grace Chiang // New York Times

*A parent's depression and anxiety can be passed on to a child.*

**74% of Singaporeans and PRs feel anxious over pandemic impact** - Timothy Goh // Straits Times

*The pandemic is causing anxiety for many Singaporeans with concerns ranging from the economy to their health.*

## PUBLICATIONS

**Disability Discrimination, Medical Rationing and COVID-19** - Bo Chen & Donna Marie McNamara // Asian Bioethics Review

*Pandemic protocols should not blanketly disqualify disabled persons from treatment.*

**Patients Left Behind: Ethical Challenges in Caring for Indirect Victims of the Covid-19 Pandemic** -

Bethany Bruno, Susannah Rose // Hastings Center Report

*Patients should not suffer and die because of over-emphasis on treating those infected during a pandemic.*

**Exclusion of Migrant Workers from National UHC Systems—Perspectives from HealthServe, a Non-profit Organisation in Singapore** - Natarajan Rajaraman, Teem-Wing Yip, Benjamin Yi Hern Kuan & Jeremy Fung Yen Lim // Asian Bioethics Review

*Migrant workers face barriers to health care in Singapore.*

**An ethical framework for global vaccine allocation** - Ezekiel J. Emanuel, Govind Persad, Adam Kern et al // Science

*How should we approach the international distribution of vaccines?*

**Psychiatry and COVID-19** - Dost Öngür, Roy Perlis & Donald Goff // JAMA

*The authors discuss developments and care delivery challenges in psychiatry due to the impact of Covid-19.*

**Surging Solidarity: Reorienting Ethics for Pandemics** - Jordan Pascoe & Mitch Stripling // Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal

*Pandemic ethics should change from an ethics of response to relational and care ethics.*

**Ethics of sharing medical knowledge with the community: is the physician responsible for medical outreach during a pandemic?** - Rael D. Strous, Tami Karni // Journal of Medical Ethics

*Individual care physicians have ethical responsibilities to share health related information with the larger community to promote the interest of public health.*

## BLOGS

**The Cult of Autonomy and Why Bioethics Needs to Become More Communal** - Craig Klugman // Bioethics.net

*Bioethics can lead to a balanced approach in health care between autonomy and communalism.*

**Living through the Pandemic in New Zealand** - Grant Gillett // Hastings Bioethics Forum

*Living "precariously" during the pandemic because of health issues makes the author think differently about moral philosophy.*

**Recognising the human rights of people with dementia** - Katharine Wright // Nuffield Bioethics Blog

*The pandemic has revealed that many of the basic rights of people in nursing homes are ignored.*

## VIDEOS & PODCASTS

**Family Meetings on Behalf of Patients with Serious Illness** - Eric Widera, Wendy G. Anderson, Lekshmi Santhosh // New England Journal of Medicine

*Strategies for more effective family meetings that support, provide information and build rapport.*

**Bioethics in Asia, immunity passports & being-with-others during an outbreak** - Voo Teck Chuan // Undisciplinary

*Bioethics in Asia, the ethics of immunity passports, and complexities of family and physical presence during the time of COVID.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Save the Date: Centres Telemedicine Workshops**

November 26, 2020, 2:25-5:00 PM and November 27, 2020, 8:55 to 11:30 AM

*An online series focusing on privacy and confidentiality, justice, communication and beneficence. Registration details and information on the workshops will be forthcoming in a future mailer.*

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