NEWS

There is a poverty of body language in telehealth appointments – but there is tenderness too - Ranjana Srivastava // The Guardian

Telehealth has improved because of the pandemic and offers us an opportunity to think about how to serve patients better.

Informed consent: Doctors must answer any question patients ask - Timothy Goh and Salma Khalik // Straits Times

This article outlines new criteria for informed consent and the revised disciplinary process for complaints against physicians by the Civil Law and Medical Registrations Act Amendments.


A doctor with post-Covid POTS worries about other long haulers.

Endometriosis showed me we need better ways to talk about women’s pain - Emma Barnett // The Guardian

The author advocates for finding better ways to address the gender pain gap.


A US study indicates that among health care workers, nurses have a particularly high risk for contracting Covid-19.

PUBLICATIONS

Ethical Pricing: a Confucian Perspective - Gabriel Hong Zhe Wong // Asian Bioethics Review

Confucian philosophy is a useful ethical framework to examine ethical pricing of medical services.

COVID-19 and beyond: the ethical challenges of resetting health services during and after public health emergencies - Paul Baines, Heather Drape, Anna Chiumento, et al // Journal of Medical Ethics

There are challenges in balancing principles of public health with those of clinical ethics during the Covid-19 reset period and beyond.

Needs to Prepare for “Post-COVID-19 Syndrome” - Robert L. Kitzman // American Journal of Bioethics

Public health agencies and health care institutions should begin to plan to address ongoing symptoms in Covid-19 survivors.


Undertreated pain is a problem in infant, child and adolescent care that can be addressed successfully.

Your Father’s a Fighter; Your Daughter’s a Vegetable: A Critical Analysis of the Use of Metaphor in Clinical Practice - Tyler Tate // Hastings Center Report

When are metaphors appropriate to use with patients?


Discrimination by providers against overweight patients is a health justice issue.

Hope and therapeutic privilege: time for shared prognosis communication - Nicla Grignoli, Roberta Wulischleger, Valentina Di Bernardo, et al // Journal of Medical Ethics

A qualitative study reveals factors that maximize the benefits and minimize the deficits of communicating prognoses to patients.

BLOGS

Why the “Heard Mentality” Approach Only Increases Suffering - Craig Klugman // Bioethics.net

Non-maleficence, beneficence, justice and public health principles make a herd immunity strategy as a response to Covid-19 ethically unsupportable.


Medical ethics has focused too narrowly on humans’ individual will and largely ignored our vulnerability, mutual dependence, and natural limits.


The author argues that best interest and therapeutic obstinacy are of limited value in end of life determinations during Covid-19.

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