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NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
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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.

When the Doctor Is a Covid ‘Long Hauler’ - Shannon Gulliver Caspersen // New York Times
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.

Nurses Are at High Risk for Covid Among Health Workers, C.D.C. Says - Reed Abelson // New York Times
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 Draper, 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. Klitzman // American Journal of Bioethics
Public health agencies and health care institutions should begin to plan to address ongoing symptoms in Covid-19 survivors.


Delivering transformative action in paediatric pain: a Lancet Child & Adolescent Health Commission - Christopher Eccleston, Emma Fisher, Richard F Howard, et al // The Lancet
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?

A Matter of Justice: “Fat” Is Not Necessarily a Bad Word - Lauren Freeman // Hastings Center Report
Discrimination by providers against overweight patients is a health justice issue.

Hope and therapeutic privilege: time for shared prognosis communication - Nicola Grignoli, Roberta Wullschleger, 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.

A Relentless Focus on the Given – Reviewing O. Carter Snead’s What it Means to be Human: The Case for the Body in Public Bioethics - Charles Camosy // Practical Ethics
Medical ethics has focused too narrowly on humans’ individual will and largely ignored our vulnerability, mutual dependence, and natural limits.

COVID-19 Pandemic Imposes Clear End-Of-Life Decisions Criteria - Carlo Bellieni // Bioethics.net
The author argues that best interest and therapeutic obstinacy are of limited value in end of life determinations during Covid-19.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CENTRES Telemedicine Workshops

26th Nov 2020 (2.25pm to 5.00pm) and 27th Nov 2020 (8.55am to 11.30am) on Zoom
*These workshops will explore and highlight ethical (and legal) issues in telemedicine.
Registration ends 13 Nov 2020.*

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