

# CLINICAL ETHICS

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## NEWS

**A minority patient struggled to be heard. She's not the only one** - Ranjana Srivastava // The Guardian  
Vulnerable, minority patients continue to lack agency in medical decisions.

**The Mutated Virus Is a Ticking Time Bomb** - Zeynep Tufekci // The Atlantic  
*The exponential transmissibility rate of the new variant dictates that we continue, if not tighten our control mechanisms alongside expedited vaccine roll-out.*

**Of TraceTogether and trust together** - David De Cramer, Mahak Nagpal and Devesh Narayanan // The Business Times  
*Moral concerns with contact tracing in the wake of the recent revelation that Singapore's TraceTogether data is available to law enforcement for criminal investigations.*

**'What If You Just Don't Tell Anyone?'** - Saahil Desai // The Atlantic  
*An anecdotal exploration of reasons and consequences of the stigma surrounding positive COVID-19 results.*

**MOE, IMH say decisions on hormonal therapy for transgender people lie with clinicians and patients** - Amelia Teng // The Straits Times  
*Ministry and IMH issue clarification on who bears the responsibility to make decisions regarding hormonal therapy for transgender persons under the age of 21 in Singapore.*

**Time to do more to stub out smoking in Singapore?** - Justin Ong // The Straits Times  
*Will the recent increase in minimum age to 21 years suffice in achieving tobacco control?*

## PUBLICATIONS

**Social egg freezing and donation: waste not, want not** - Alex Polyakov and Genia Rozen // Journal of Medical Ethics  
*Can donation of oocytes stored through cryopreservation for improved reproductive success address the social, ethical and financial concerns surrounding oocyte banking?*

**An Ethicolegal Analysis of Involuntary Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders** - Farrhad r. Udwadia and Judy Illes // Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics  
*Evaluating the ethical soundness of laws permitting the involuntary commitment of persons with addiction disorders.*

**The Costs of Institutional Racism and its Ethical Implications for Healthcare** - Amanuel Elias and Yin Paradies // Journal of Bioethical Inquiry  
*An exploration of institutional racism in healthcare and exacerbated social and economic inequalities in society.*

**Personal prenatal ultrasound use by women's health professionals: An ethical analysis** - Marielle S Gross, Gail Geller, and Anne Drapkin Lyster // Clinical Ethics  
*Personal ultrasound use by obstetricians and gynaecologists can result in adverse consequences and ought to be curtailed.*

**Moral injury in healthcare professionals: A scoping review and discussion** - Anto Čartolovni, Minna Stolt, P Anne Scott, et al. // Nursing Ethics  
*Acknowledging the existence of moral injury within healthcare contexts can impact care provision and professionals' well-being.*

## BLOGS

**Can Malaysian Private Healthcare Providers Refuse to Treat Patients with COVID-19?** - Hui-Siu Tan // Journal of Medical Ethics Blog  
*Healthcare professionals should not refuse to treat patients in emergency situations but the burdens of care beyond the call of duty must be shared.*

**Open future or an informed present? Cancer predispositions testing in children** - Sapna Mehta and Dennis John Kuo. // Journal of Medical Ethics Blog  
*Using virtue ethics to overcome the complex ethical conundrum of cancer predisposition testing in paediatric patients.*

**Ashamed to Be Vaccinated? The Ethics of Health Care Employees Forgoing Unfair Priority** - Kyle Ferguson and Arthur Caplan // Bioethics Forum Essay – Hastings Center  
*Seemingly unfair prioritization of healthcare employees could serve public health goals.*

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