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NEWS

Home Ground: Ethical issues in Covid-19 vaccine roll-outs - Chua Mui Hoong // The Straits Times
The author, also a panelist, explores many issues addressed during the recent CBmE webinar on "Covid-19 Vaccines: Ethical Issues in Allocation, Administration and Public Acceptance".

Doctors Are Investigated After Posting Organ Photos Online as 'Price Is Right' Game - Neil Vigdor // The New York Times
Publishing surgically removed organs or tissue materials on social media goes against professionalism and can invite disciplinary action.

How Many Vaccine Doses Can Nations Ethically Hoard? - Ezekiel J. Emanuel, Cécile Fabre, Daniel Halliday, et al. // Foreign Affairs
Where both extremes of vaccine nationalism and cosmopolitanism are unsustainable, the authors propose the Fair Priority for Residents Framework, as an ethically defensible approach to securing sufficient vaccine doses.

'I'm the Doctor Who Is Here to Help You Die' - Katie Engelhart // The Atlantic
Is getting medical aid in dying a better death?

Is there a way to make vaccine passports ethically acceptable? - Alexis Papazoglou // The Guardian
Continuing with restricting measures is unjust once people get vaccinated. Vaccine passports are a way out, but cannot be allowed to result in unjust discrimination.

GPs prefer to see patients face to face, says UK family doctors' leader - Dennis Campbell // The Guardian
While preferences seems to be geared towards face-to-face interactions, teleconsultations have shown that good care can be provided, and having a mixed model of care would be important.

I am a physician and here's why I decided to get the Covid-19 vaccine - Chong Siow Ann // The Straits Times
While some healthcare professionals continue to hesitate over getting the jab, the personal and ethical responsibility to protect both patients and themselves continues to prevail for many.

PUBLICATIONS

Is COVID-19 Immune to Misinformation? A Brief Overview - Sana Ali, Atiqa Khalid and Erum Zahid // Asian Bioethics Review
The authors demonstrate that misinformation is a major ethical challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic and suggest ways to check and mitigate the impacts thereof.

Raising confidentiality concerns with a law mandating access to electronic notes - Sara E. Holmstrom, Kristin Stukus and Monika K. Goyal // JAMA Health Forum
While the idea is to ease and improve patient-centred care, expanding access to medical record and sensitive notes can threaten confidentiality of sensitive information.

AI support for ethical decision making around resuscitation: Proceed with care - Nikola Biller-Andorno, Andrea Ferrario, Susanne Joebges, et al. // Journal of Medical Ethics
This original study proposes a model for incorporating AI to predict patient preferences for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, along with a set of ethical preconditions.

Resistance in health and healthcare - Ryan Essex // Bioethics
A conceptual exploration of 'resistance' by persons identifying as healthcare professionals in response to contentious displays of power, and the normative considerations this raises.

Public perception of ethical issues related to COVID-19 control measures in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Malaysia: A cross-sectional survey - Teck Chuan Voo, Angela Ballantyne, Ng Chirk Jenn, et al. // medRxiv preprint
A cross-sectional survey of respondents' perceptions on ethical acceptability of COVID-19 control measures in three distinct Asian countries, reveals stark differences.

Conception of Saviour Siblings: Ethical Perceptions of Selected Stakeholders in Malaysia - Chee Ying Kuek, Sharon Kaur a/p Gurmukh Singh, & Pek San Tay // Asian Bioethics Review
In this study, perceptions of select key stakeholders on ethical concerns with the conception of 'saviour siblings' through preimplantation genetic diagnosis and HLA typing, particularly from the Malaysian perspective.

Dialysis decisions concerning cognitively impaired adults: a scoping literature review - Jordan A. Parsons and Jonathan Ives // BMC Medical Ethics
A scoping review of literature discussing how decisions about dialysis are/should be made with respect to cognitively impaired adults.

BLOGS

Who should get to choose their surrogates? - Mark Christopher Navin, Jason Adam Wasserman, Devan Stahl, et al. // Journal of Medical Ethics
The authors defend the position that patients who are deemed to lack decision making capacity may still have the capacity to designate a surrogate, and hence have a moral right to do so.

Neuro-Interventions as punishment? - Corey H. Allen, Eddy Nahmias, and Eyal Aharoni // The Neuroethics Blog – The Emory Centre for Ethics
Are neuro-interventions to treat and rehabilitate criminals in place of punishments ethically defensible?

Suspending the Astra-Zeneca vaccine and the ethics of precaution - Jonathan Pugh, Dominic Wilkinson, and Julian Savulescu // Practical Ethics
While a precautionary approach to managing the blood clot controversy could help maintain trust in vaccines, it must be weighed against the risks and harms of suspending use.

People with learning disabilities are equal members of society, not vulnerable burdens - Katrina Scior, Celia Brown, Adrian Brown, et al. // The BMJ Opinion
The traditional narrative around persons with learning disabilities as 'vulnerable' and 'helpless' minimises their agency and capabilities, and thus, must be overhauled.

VIDEOS & PODCASTS

Covid-19 Vaccines: Ethical Issues in Allocation, Administration and Public Acceptance (10 Mar 2021)
- Panelists: Ms Chua Mui Hoong, Prof. Lim Poh Lian, Dr. G. Owen Schaefer, and Prof. Paul Anantharajah Tambyah; Chair: Dr. Voo Teck Chuan // Centre for Biomedical Ethics, NUS



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