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NEWS

Access to Therapeutic and Palliative Drugs in the Context of Covid-19: Justice and the Relief of Suffering - Nancy Berlinger; Jean Abbott, Aimee Milliken et al // The Hastings Center Report
An ethical guide for policies across medical institutions for research and treatment with therapeutic and palliative drugs.

Her mantra: Make things safer, faster and better for patients - Cheryl Tan // Straits Times
President's Award for Nursing recipient discusses the importance of care and efficiency to enhance safety and recovery of patients.

My patients want the good old days of office visits. That's not happening any time soon - Amy E. Wheeler // Stat News
Patients who refuse telemedicine consults because of lack of face-to-face contact may endanger their own health.

Telehealth gets a boost from COVID-19 pandemic - Pamela Ariel On // Channel News Asia
Telehealth offers advantages and has similar outcomes to traditional care.

A difficult conversation with her family led to a better death for my patient - Ranjana Srivastava // The Guardian
Difficult discussions with family members can help patients at the end of life.

Health Care Comes to Us: Technology doesn't have to cure the coronavirus to be an enabler for good - Shira Ovide // New York Times
Technology can contribute to mental health care accessibility and efficacy.

Under-managed chronic conditions a worrying problem among migrant workers - Umapathi Thirugnanam and Ashwin Umapathi // Today Online
Migrant workers chronic health conditions often go unaddressed due to lack of outpatient insurance.

The Wilderness of Rare Genetic Diseases and the Parents Navigating It - Brendan Borrell // The New York Times
Treatment options for genetic diseases have increased due in part to parental persistence.

PUBLICATIONS

When do Physicians and Nurses Start Communication about Advance Care Planning? A Qualitative Study at an Acute Care Hospital in Japan - Mari Tsuruwaka, Yoshiko Ikeguchi & Megumi Nakamura // Asian Bioethics Review
Earlier ACP discussions with patients in acute care settings may be desirable.

Our Next Pandemic Ethics Challenge? Allocating "Normal" Health Care Services - Jeremy R. Garrett, Leslie Ann McNolty, Ian D. Wolfe, John D. Lantos // The Hastings Center Report
Addressing the ethical challenges of allocation in returning to "normal" care.

Using biomarkers in acute medicine to prevent hearing loss: should this require specific consent? - Peta Coulson-Smith, Anneke Lucassen // Journal of Medical Ethics
Should a genetic test to prevent hearing loss in neonates in an acute care setting require consent?

The Meaning of Care and Ethics to Mitigate the Harshness of Triage in Second-Wave Scenario Planning During the COVID-19 Pandemic - Mathias Wirth, Laurel Rauschenbach, Brian Hurwitz et al // The American Journal of Bioethics
Scarcity of medical resources is not solved by triage alone.

Clinical, Legal, and Ethical Aspects of Artificial Intelligence-Assisted Conversational Agents in Health Care - John D. McGreevey III, C. William Hanson III, Ross Koppel // JAMA
Twelve considerations for implementing Conversational AI in medical practice and in health care conversations.

Pandemic as Teacher — Forcing Clinicians to Inhabit the Experience of Serious Illness - Jane deLima Thomas // NEJM
The pandemic as an impetus to gain new insights into the experience of seriously ill patients.

Disability Rights as a Necessary Framework for Crisis Standards of Care and the Future of Health Care - Laura Guidry-Grimes, Katie Savin, Joseph A. Stramondo, et al // Hastings Center Report
Practical ways to shift the framing of crisis standards of care toward addressing disadvantages of people with disabilities.

Guidance for Treating 'Unrepresented Patients' in the ICU: Why the Ethical Principles Matter More Than Ever - Mark Moran // Neurology Today
How guidelines regarding seeking advice from ethics committees for "unrepresented" patients in the ICU are impacted by Covid-19 exigencies.

BLOGS

Improving the Informed Consent Process for Seniors Regarding AICDs: The Need for Bioethicist Involvement - Arnold R. Eiser // Bioethics.net
AICD consent with elderly patients should involve a collaborative process.

Moral Reasoning in a Pandemic - F. M. Kamm // Practical Ethics Blog; cross-posted with The Boston Review
Thoughts about ethical reasoning regarding lives lost, life years and masks in pandemic policy planning.

VIDEOS & PODCASTS

COVID-19 diaries: A visually impaired man can't see safe distances - Singapore Covid Diaries // Channel News Asia
A Singaporean blind man's challenges during the pandemic.

Video Series: Why Parental Status Matters When Allocating Scarce Medical Resources - Katrien Devolder interviewing Moti Gorin // Practical Ethics Blog
Should parents of dependent children have priority in medical resource allocation?

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