

## Special Issue

# Ethical Issues of End of Life Decisions in Pediatrics

### Message from the Guest Editor

End-of-life (EOL) decision making is a process of recognizing that further treatment of a patient, whether it is in the intensive care unit or in the ward, is only serving to prolong life without being in the patient's best interest. The forgoing of life support treatment (LST) when the EOL is approaching and moving from curative to palliative care is ethically one of the most difficult decisions for health care professionals. "Withholding" means not introducing new treatment options and intensifying treatment options that a patient is already undergoing; meanwhile, "withdrawing" refers to discontinuing treatment that a patient is already undergoing. Different practices regarding the implementation of EOL decisions and forgoing LST in pediatric patients can be found in the literature. The aim of this Special issue is to gather articles from different parts of the world, both developed and underdeveloped countries, and to obtain information on how healthcare professionals (not only physicians but also registered nurses and others) approach and solve ethical dilemmas and make final ethical decisions on EOL and forgoing LST.

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