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Message from the Guest Editors

Modern medicine and modern life sciences have a long tradition. Scientific breakthroughs promise a better quality of healthcare, but at the same time they raise important questions: Should we really put to use everything that is possible? What are the ethical limits of technologies such as, for example, genetic engineering, new reproduction techniques, or artificial intelligence in patients' care? How should research on such technologies be conducted in order to preserve human dignity and autonomy? These questions are why moral reservations are repeatedly voiced when it comes to implementing new developments into medical practice. This calls for an increased role of ethics in medicine. Progress should be possible; however, it should be reflected on ethically, especially if it is applied to human beings. Medical research, the treatment of diseases, and medical care should be accompanied by ethics. This Special Issue invites contributions from across the globe from a wide range of academic perspectives, including, but not limited to, the history of medicine, the philosophy of medicine, and medical ethics.

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