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Challenges in Caring for Patients in the Time of COVID-19

Message from the Guest Editors

The novel coronavirus, also known as SARS-Cov-2 or COVID-19, has become a worldwide concern for policy-makers, educators, researchers, and all healthcare professionals who are engaged in clinical care. Managers and healthcare professionals were challenged to apply the four main principles of biomedical ethics in taking care of their patients, i.e., autonomy, justice, beneficence, and non-maleficence, when mobilizing and allocating scarce resources; they often had to confront challenging decisions, such as which patients were more likely to benefit from an intensive care unit bed or mechanical ventilation. Additionally, the safety and distress of healthcare professionals who were exposed to exhausting working shifts, often in circumstances of limited personal protective equipment availability, raised ethical concerns. Families were not involved in their relative's care and often did not have the opportunity to stay close to them at the end of their life. Thus, healthcare professionals' family and patient relationships have been inevitably compromised.

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