

Special Issue

Spiritual Care and Bioethics: Exploring Theological Perspectives and Practical Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue explores the link between spiritual care and bioethics, emphasizing the significant role of theology and various religious traditions in shaping bioethical discourse. Notably, Christian theology has been instrumental in establishing bioethics as a distinct discipline across academic communities. The issue will highlight these religious influences through theological, philosophical, historical, and practical perspectives. Contributors are invited to submit original research and reviews in three key areas:

1. The Bond Between Religion, Theology, and Bioethics: Exploring historical ties and influential theories, such as principlism, and the impact of religious traditions on concepts like suffering and environmental care. 2. Theology in Specific Bioethical Themes: Addressing ethical issues related to life's beginnings and endings, medical advancements, and responsibilities toward creation, including AI's role in healthcare. 3. Spirituality in Bioethical Issues: Investigating how religious practices, like prayer, can help resolve bioethical dilemmas and enhance healthcare ethics.

We welcome your contributions.

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