

## Special Issue

# Ethical Considerations in Vaccine Allocation and Vaccine Certification - Policy and Strategy to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Message from the Guest Editor

The ethical issues raised by the COVID-19 pandemic are now evident and being reported from all over the world. Resource allocation has been one of the most significant and burning conflicts in the ethical debate during the epidemiological peak of the pandemic. In this pandemic context, vaccination is still constantly giving rise to doubts, fears and conflicts concerning its acceptance, the criteria for making it compulsory and for which categories, and its safety. Vaccine hesitancy has been interpreted and experienced in various ways, with varying consequences in the social context of the various countries, and pragmatic solutions have been sought, as well as ways of communicating and accepting it, especially for different categories of workers. The role of the government is to inform, educate, recommend, and even provide incentives for immunization but not to require acceptance without exclusion from the civilian population. The publication of high-quality studies, to in-deep investigate the characteristics of these thematic, may be important and productive of a confrontation with diversified proposals and ethical-regulatory approaches of undoubted usefulness.

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