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## **COVID-19: Links to External Resources**

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### **UK Ethical Guidance for Health Professionals**

#### **General**

- [Ethical guidance](#) from the Royal College of Physicians (1 April 2020)
- [Ethical guidance](#) from the British Medical Association (1 April 2020)
- [Ethical advice and support framework](#) from the Scottish Government CMO (3 April 2020)
- [Pandemic flu strategy ethical framework](#) from Cabinet Office, Department of Health and Social Care, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Home Office, and Ministry of Justice (2013, updated 2017)
- [World Health Organisation](#): International working group on Ethics & COVID-19 (20 March 2020+)

#### **Specific Settings/Contexts/Patient Groups**

##### *Primary Care*

- [Ethical guidance](#) on primary care from the RCGP (6 April 2020+)

##### *Social Care*

- [Ethical guidance](#) on adult social care from Department of Health and Social Care (19 March 2020)
- [Good practice guide](#) for managing COVID-19 in care homes from the British Geriatrics Society (30 March 2020)

##### *Psychiatry*

- [Ethical guidance](#) for psychiatrists from the Royal College of Psychiatrists

### **UK Clinical Guidance for Health Professionals**

#### **General**

- [NICE](#) guidance list
- [GMC](#) information and advice hub, for doctors, patients, students
- [Royal College of Nursing](#) guidance hub, for nurses, apprentice nurses and nursing associates



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- [NHS England](#) guidance hub, for health professionals and public
- [Public Health England](#) guidance hub, for health professionals
- [UK Government](#): UK COVID-19 case tracing

## **Specific Settings/Contexts/Patient Groups**

### *Anaesthetics and Intensive Care*

- [Clinical guidance hub](#), for anaesthetists and intensive care
- [Intensive Care Society](#) resources hub

### *Paediatrics*

- [RCPCH](#) guidance for paediatric services

### *Cardiology*

- [British Society of Echocardiography](#) guidance on use of ECHO

### *Frailty*

- [NHS England](#) guidance on identifying frailty

### *End-of-Life, Palliative and Hospice Care*

- [Hospice UK](#) resource hub
- [Association of Palliative Medicine](#) resource hub

## **UK Legal Resources**

### **COVID-19 Law(s) (England and Wales)**

- User-friendly [summary](#) of new regulations, from Hempsons; check for updates [here](#)
- [GMC](#) information on regulation

### **Human Rights**

- Parliamentary Select Committee on Human Rights: [Inquiry](#) call for evidence

### **Mental Incapacity and COVID-19 (England and Wales)**

- [Blog](#) on COVID-19 and Mental Capacity Act, from Essex 39 Chambers

## **Other UK Ethics Resources**

## UK Triage and Resource Allocation Proposals

- [NHS London](#): Critical care triage statement, London and SE Coast (20 Nov 2009) developed by St George's Ethics Committee in conjunction with the Depts of Infectious Diseases and Intensive Care, when the NHS was faced with a predicted H1N1 epidemic in 2010
- [Daniel Sokol](#): Intensive care triage proposal (April 2020)

## UK Academic Publications

- Draper et al, [Non-Professional Healthcare Workers and Ethical Obligations to Work during Pandemic Influenza](#). *Public Health Ethics* 2010; 3(1): 23-34
- Eastman et al, [Triage for adult critical care in the event of overwhelming need](#). *Intensive Care Med* 2010; 36(6): 1076-82
- Greenburg et al, [Managing mental health challenges faced by healthcare workers during covid-19 pandemic](#). *BMJ* 2020; 368: m1211

## UK Blogs and Podcasts

- [Nuffield Council on Bioethics](#) blog: Various blogs reflecting on medical ethics and COVID-19
- [Journal of Medical Ethics](#) blog: Various blog posts reflecting on medical ethics and COVID-19. Selected topics covered include:
  - Public policy and quarantine
    - [‘The slow dragon and the dim sloth: What can the world learn from coronavirus responses in Italy and the UK?’](#) by Marcello Ienca and David Shaw, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
    - [‘What can contraceptive justice teach us about coronavirus?’](#) by Arianne Shahvisi, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
  - Triage decision-making
    - [‘The moral cost of coronavirus’](#) by Joshua Parker and Mikaeil Mirzaali, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
    - [‘Don’t let the ethics of despair infect the intensive care unit’](#) by David Shaw, Dan Harvey and Dale Gardiner, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
    - [‘ICU triage: How many lives or whose lives?’](#) by Angela Ballantyne, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
  - Health professionals’ obligations

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- [‘Your family or your job? Balancing the duty to treat with the duty to family in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic’](#) by Doug McConnell, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.
- [‘Health care professionals are under no ethical obligation to treat COVID-19 patients’](#) by Udo Schuklenk, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.
- [‘COVID-19: In focussing on intensive care we must not lose sight of the wider professional duty to care for all patients’](#) by Anne Slowther and Sarah Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.
- Other topics
  - [‘COVID-19 and the moral community: A nursing ethics perspective’](#) by Georgina Morley, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
  - [‘Personal protective equipment for front-line health workers: An ethical imperative’](#) by Elizabeth Fenton, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.
  - [‘Responding to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic: Experiences of an ad hoc public health ethics consultation’](#) by Verina Wild et al., 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.
  - [‘The vital contexts of coronavirus’](#) by David Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.
  - [‘Ethical rationing: Hydroxychloroquine, COVID-19 and the inequality of diseases’](#) by Yves Saint James Aquino and Nicolo Cabrera, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.
- JL Scully, [Disablism In a Time of Pandemic: Some Things Don’t Change](#) (1 April 2020)
- [Philosophical Disquisitions](#): Features a number of podcasts addressing practical ethical issues raised by COVID-19 in health care (accessed 7 April 2020). See in particular:
  - Episode 70: [Ethics in the time of corona](#)
  - Episode 71: [COVID-19 and the ethics of infectious disease control](#)
  - Episode 72: [Grief in the time of a pandemic](#)
  - Episode 73: [The ethics of healthcare prioritisation during COVID-19](#)
- Practical Ethics Channel’s Special Series of ‘Thinking Out Loud’ on COVID-19. Including:
  - [Peter Singer ‘What caused the coronavirus pandemic?’](#)
- [Pandemic ethics: Achieving moral balance](#), Dr Dan Harvey, Nottingham (42:20 - 66:55 minutes); please complete the [evaluation survey](#) after viewing
- [Association of Anaesthetists](#) COVID-19 webinar (17 March 2020)

## Other UK Repositories

- [Clearer Thinking](#): COVID-19 ethics resources, with links
- [Centre of Law, Medicine and Life Sciences](#): COVID-19 resources
- [Warwick University](#): resources for clinicians

## Ethics and COVID in the UK news

- The Independent: [“I work in medical ethics. Here’s how we should make decisions about coronavirus”](#) (accessed 30 March 2020)
- The Guardian: [“Coronavirus may force UK doctors to decide who they’ll save”](#)
- The Guardian: [“Doctors will have to choose who gets life-saving treatment. Here’s how we’ll do it”](#) (about BMA guidance) (1 April 2020)

## International Ethics Resources

### International Tracking

- [John Hopkins](#): International COVID-19 map

### International Triage and Resource Allocation Proposals

#### *Australia*

- [Melbourne University](#): Planning for and managing COVID-19: Ethical decision-making tool (25 March 2020)
- [Sydney Health Ethics](#): Ethics Framework for Making Resource Allocation Decisions within Clinical Care (2 April 2020)

#### *USA*

- [New York Department of Health](#): ventilator allocation guidelines (November 2015)
- [University of Pittsburgh](#): Allocation of Scarce Critical Care Resources During a Public Health Emergency (3 April 2020)

### International Academic Publications

- Aries, [Covid-19: Can France’s ethical support units help doctors make challenging decisions?](#) *BMJ* 2020; 369



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- Emmanuel et al, [Fair Allocation of Scarce Medical Resources in the Time of Covid-19. NEJM 2020](#); Mar 13
- Truog et al, [The Toughest Triage: Allocating Ventilators in a Pandemic. NEJM 2020](#); Mar 23

### Other International Repositories

- [Hastings Center](#), New York: Repository of ethics resources, including around clinical ethics support (USA)

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