

Seminar Six: Access to Health in Extraordinary Circumstances

"Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do." - Potter Stewart

Estimated reading time:

- Set reading tasks 60 minutes
- Video lesson 10 minutes
- Self Check Questions 10 minutes

Class Summary

Post-Pandemic global perspectives on the Right to Health

In this class we consider questions of ethics and how health as a human right can help us to better answer those questions. Students will be guided through different scenarios where they will have to hypothetically consider the ethical solutions.

Reading Task & Literature

Please read the articles below by following the associated link and then answer the self-check questions:

- On the ethics of withholding and withdrawing medical treatment
- Human health versus human rights: An emerging ethical dilemma arising from coronavirus disease pandemic
- Human rights and fair access to COVID-19 vaccines: the International AIDS Society-Lancet Commission on Health and Human Rights

Self-Check Questions:

1. What is the relationship between ethics and the right to health?
2. How does a rights based approach to health help us to better understand moral obligations in health care?
3. What is the difference between ordinary and extraordinary measures?

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Definitions/Key Terminology

There are several terms that are used when talking about the development of the common law. Please ensure that you familiarise yourself with them:

- Withholding
- Withdrawing
- Ordinary measures
- Extraordinary measures
- Moral obligation
- Reasonable

