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**COVID-19 – The ethical dilemma of rationing patients**

**Abstract**

Covid-19 is a pandemic that has invaded the world. The Coronavirus outbreak was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and the virus has now spread to many states and territories. Although we still don't know much about the COVID-19, we do know that it is transmitted through droplets as a result of direct contact with an infected individual (coughing and sneezing). As COVID-19 continues to spread, it is important that communities take action to prevent further transmission, reduce the impact of the blast, and supportive control measures.

As the number of infected and dead people continues to rise day by day, doctors and medical staff around hospitals around the world are facing very difficult moments, in the context of the lack of sufficient tests, respirators and other necessary medical tools. Healthcare system seems to be collapsing as in the countries where the situation is serious doctors are being forced to choose which patients to save while the others will be left to die.

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