



The Hong Kong Bioethics Association, the Hospital Authority Clinical Ethics Committee and the Centre for Applied Ethics of the Hong Kong Baptist University
Invite your participation in a seminar entitled:

“Allocation of Medical Resources: What it means for Hong Kong”

Facing finitude: Why the allocation of scarce medical resources is so difficult?

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[**Synopsis:** National health care systems across the world are in financial crisis and moral confusion, because it is impossible to give all citizens the best of care and equal care, given the unavoidability of human finitude. A financially sustainable and morally honest health care system will need to acknowledge ever-present inequalities and limits. Emphasis will be given to comparing the moral assumptions of social-democratic approaches to health care as exist in Canada and Western Europe, with those of the Singapore model.]

Allocation of medical resources when the pandemic is on the horizon

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[**Synopsis:** The novel H1N1 influenza epidemic poses substantial strains on both public health and public hospital systems. Allocation of medical resources in the face of a looming pandemic is not entirely based on familiar principles such as efficiency, cost-effectiveness, proportionality and sustainability. How the pandemic is conceptualized affects priorities and strategies in resource allocation. Hong Kong and the USA are at two ends of a spectrum in their response strategies, the underlying values and assumptions of each will be discussed.]

Date: 16 July 2009 (Thursday)

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Venue: Seminar Room 1, M/F Hospital Authority Building,
147B Argyle Street, Kowloon

CME (MCHK): 2 points

CME (Colleges): Community Medicine (1), Dental Surgeons (1.5), Emergency Medicine (1.5), Orthopaedic Surgeons (1), Otorhinolaryngologists (1), Pathologists (1.5), Physicians (0.5), Psychiatrists (1.5), Radiologists (1.5), Surgeons (1.5)

CNE and CME of other Colleges are pending.

All are welcome. Prior registration is not required.