



The Rationing of Health Resources in Emergency Conditions and Decision Making under Scarcity

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Message from the Guest Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought our attention back to the **management and equitable distribution of limited health resources**. Initially, the debate focused on intensive care beds and the availability of respirators. Later, the focus shifted to access to vaccines.

The intent of this issue is not so much to reflect on what happened during the pandemic, but **to look to the future: What can we learn from the pandemic**. Are we better prepared to face other similar challenges in the future? Have we found values or principles that could guide us in equally difficult choices in the future? Would the ethical principles that have guided us in this pandemic work in the future?

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but not limited to) the following:

- Allocation of health resources and theories of justice;
- Criteria for allocation of life-saving resources;
- Conflicts to secure limited resources and their management;
- Rationing of health resources in emergency conditions;
- Decision making under scarcity;
- Inequalities in health and well-being;

I look forward to receiving your contributions.





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