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# **Justice in the time of COVID-19: Ethical considerations**

COVID-19 is making bioethics more relevant than ever. The ethical dilemmas raised by the pandemic are urgent and heart-wrenching. Who should get a ventilator if we do not have enough? How can we protect the most vulnerable (e.g. persons with disabilities, the elderly) from discrimination in the face of difficult triage decisions? While such questions are not new for bioethicists, the need to answer them urgently, globally, and in very concrete settings, creates unprecedented circumstances. This talk will describe – and discuss critically - the key ethical considerations emerging in the literature on triage in the context of COVID-19.

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