

Hospital Grand Rounds

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8:00 am-9:00 am, Children's National Auditorium, 2nd Floor Main

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Leikin Lecture

Shortages of Drugs, Surpluses of Ethical Challenges: An Allocation Framework for Childhood Cancer



*Continue the conversation with Dr. Unguru
at the Psychiatry Grand Rounds:
11am, Auditorium and WebEx*

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Drug shortages in general, and chemotherapy shortages specifically, have become commonplace in the US. Children are particularly prone to drug shortages, including shortages of life-saving chemotherapy and supportive care agents, which provide a unique lens from which to examine this problem. Clinicians lack formal guidance when confronted with deciding how to allocate scarce essential medications. A recently proposed ethical framework for allocating scarce life-saving chemotherapy will be reviewed. The framework provides explicit decision-making in the face of an actual drug shortage and is specifically designed to provide frontline clinicians assistance as they face medication rationing.

Learning Objectives

Attendees of this session will be able to:

1. Recognize the ethical challenges clinicians & institutions face when rationing chemotherapeutics for children with cancer
2. Propose an allocation schema for rationing life-saving chemotherapeutics
3. Describe existing models used for allocating life-saving scarce resources, including their strengths and weaknesses
4. Review the proposed prioritization framework to assist healthcare providers & administrators ethically ration life-saving drugs

We hope that you will join us at the 11am Psychiatry Grand Rounds as well!

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