

The Council's work during the covid-19 pandemic – a brief overview

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Activities during the first wave of the pandemic - 2020

Mars: Ethics resources on covid-19

Mars/April: Consultation responses concerning priority setting during extraordinary conditions and resource allocation

- Smer concluded
 - The ethical platform for priority setting in Swedish legislation applies.
- Smer also stressed the importance of
 - open and transparent processes, and
 - timing & communication

May: Report Ethical choices in a pandemic

Report: Ethical choices in a pandemic – May 2020

- Global ethics and international solidarity
- Public health strategies, tracing apps and immunisation certificates
- Ethical challenges in healthcare.
 - priority setting
 - ethical aspects concerning quality in the end of life
- Experimental treatment
- Research ethics in the time of a pandemic
- Importance of communication



DN Debatt

DN Debatt. "Sverige saknar etiskt ramverk för beslut vid pandemier"



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Vi tror att det är angeläget att ett nationellt etiskt ramverk utvecklas för att stödja beslutsfattandet vid den typ av kriser som vi befinner oss i, skriver artikelförfattarna. Foto: Adam Inoa/TT

DN DEBATT 15/5.

Statens medicinsk-etiska råd: Vi föreslår i en ny rapport en rad etiska värden och principer som kan ligga till grund för ett ramverk.

Sverige behöver ett nationellt etiskt ramverk som vägleder beslut inför och under pandemier. Vi menar också att den vetenskapliga grunden för beslut och vald strategi bör göras offentlig.



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Communication

- Communication – based on the report and Smer's work
 - Dialogues with regions
 - Dialogues with experts, stakeholders and the Corona Commission
 - International: NEC Forum network within EU, Nordic Bioethics council, and in the EPSO network.

Webinars and conferences

2020

- Global ethics and justice in a pandemic – *June*
- Ethical choices in a pandemic – in collaboration with Nordic Bioethics Committee, NCBio – *November*
- Decision making under uncertainty. If we cannot follow science – what can we do?– *December*
- Communication, trust and democracy. – *December*
- Vaccination & Covid19 – *December*
- Ethical stress among health care professionals – *December*

2021

- Award Winner Seminar 2021: Priority setting in healthcare in pandemics and other situations of mass casualties

Cooperation with the Swedish Disability Rights Federation - 2021

- Webinars
 - What happened at the initial stage?
 - The current situation
 - Lessons for the future
- Joint statement/opinion article Mars 2021: “The pandemic preparedness plan has to be more inclusive”

Advising The Public health agency

- December 2020-January 21. Dialogue with Anders Tegnell, state epidemiologist and co-workers concerning priority setting strategy - vaccination against Covid-19.
- June 2021. Dialogue & Statement regarding Covid-19 vaccination of children and adolescents of 16-18 years
- September 2021 Dialogue & Statement regarding ethical aspects of children Covid-19 vaccination of 12-15 years in Sweden
- January 2022. Dialogue & Statement regarding ethical aspects of children Covid-19 vaccination of 5-11 years in Sweden.

Vaccination and vaccination-certificates

- March: Opinion article: Ethical concerns about vaccination-certificates: pros and cons
- September 2021: Statement regarding Covid-19 vaccination of health care staff. “Health care employees have a moral obligation to get vaccinated against covid-19”

Current work on the Covid-19 pandemic

- Today's conference!
- Forthcoming anthology 2023
- Closing up of Smer's activities and insights in a forthcoming opinion or report 2023 (?)

Conclusion

- Advisory: parliament, government, regions, authorities, experts, health care professionals
- Platform for communication – politicians, expert, health care professionals, interest groups and the public

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