



Medical Ethics in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: A Review of High Table Forum

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Abstract

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Keywords

Artificial intelligence, Medical ethics, Ethical review

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The High Table Forum was co-chaired by Mingxu Wang, Professor of Xi'an Jiaotong University and editor-in-chief of Chinese Medical Ethics, and Yali Cong, Professor of Peking University's School of Health Humanities. Xiaoru Huang, Professor at the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences and associate editor of Science and Society, explained the ethical issues and governance of AI-assisted diagnosis from the perspective of transparency and attribution of responsibility. Jing Wang, Associate Professor at the Law School of Beijing Normal University, discussed the self-reflexive realization of medical AI ethics. Yue Xiao, Director of the Policy Research Department of the National Center for Mental Health, China, shared the ethical assessment of medical AI applications. Jian Guan, Professor of Health Management at Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College, deputy editor-in-chief of Chinese Journal of Medical Science Research Management, and associate editor of Chinese Medical Ethics, introduced ethical review strategies for digital intelligence-driven science and technology activities. Yanlin Cao, Professor and Director of the Medical and Healthcare Legal Research Office of the Institute of Medical Information, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences/Peking Union Medical College, discussed the legal scrutiny and response to the medical applications of artificial intelligence.

After the presentations, the experts engaged in in-depth discussions on related topics. The organizer of this conference, Professor Jing Xu of the School of Journalism and Communication at Peking University, participated in the high table forum and discussion, and expressed her sincere gratitude to all the experts and participants.

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