



Ethical Defaults, Physician Behavior and the Amelioration of Healthcare Disparities

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Main Focus



Ethical defaults in decision-making as an empiric method to approach challenging problems in health care today



Objectives



Definitions – What is a Disparity?



Current state of Research Findings



Perfect Storm of Challenges



Unintended Physician Contribution to Disparities



The Challenge of Unconscious Bias



Objectives



What is ethical default theory?



How can we apply this to the problem of disparities?



What is the role of health information technology in this process?



The Practice of Medicine



“Life is short, the art long, opportunity fleeting, experience treacherous, judgment is difficult. It is not enough for the physician to do what is necessary... the circumstances must be *favorable*.”

Hippocrates

