Ethical and Policy Considerations in COVID-19: Challenges Over the Course of a Pandemic and Looking Ahead to our Post-COVID Future

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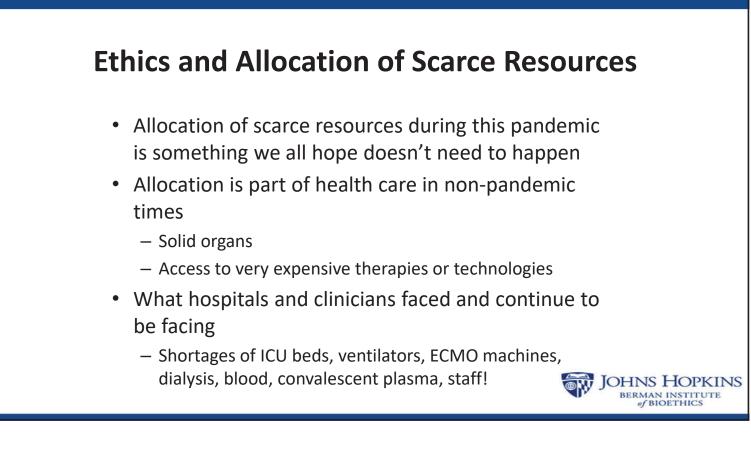
Patient centered ethical framework

- Autonomy (Individual focus)
- Patient preferences & values used to balance benefits & burdens
- Access generally determined by first come first served or severity

Public Health ethical framework

- Focused on health of the population
- Just allocation of resources
 - Efficiency
 - Equity





How Health Care Resources are Allocated

- Solid organs (from deceased donors) provide a helpful example to thinking about allocation, with many years of experience
- Kidney: a modified waiting list, which works since there is dialysis to bridge patients, often for years
 - Allocation is a version of first come first served
 - A pure waiting list approach represents prioritization of justice as an EQUAL chance, without consideration of how sick (which would be Justice as EQUITY) or what would be most EFFICIENT, in this case something like most life years predicted for the organ

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