

CMEL NEWSLETTER

Issue

We are CMEL! Welcome to the seventh issue of the CMEL Newsletter! This publication aims to update you on the latest news and information in the biomedical world. We will also share information about upcoming events, so stay tuned! Find out more about CMEL. We also have a Facebook page, you can follow us here.

Top stories in this newsletter

Upcoming Events:

Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance: Meeting the Global Challenge of AMR



Don't miss our upcoming conference on the highly important issue of antimicrobial resistance! The two-day conference will be held on 9-10 November, and will include presentations from eminent speakers all over the world. Find out more information and register here.

本中心十一月將舉行有關抗微生物藥物耐藥性的國際研討會,現接受登記。屆時來自世界各地的專家將就這議題作出多方面的探討和議論。詳情及報名請按此。

The Power of Law as a Tool for Health and Justice



The 2017 WYNG-Hatton Lecture will be brought to us on 8 November by Professor Lawrence Gostin from Georgetown University. He will be discussing the value of law in preventing major health hazards, including fast-moving infectious diseases, injuries, and non-communicable diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and respiratory disease. Find out more information and register here.

今年 11 月 8 日舉行的 WYNG - Hatton 講座的講者將會是喬治城大學的戈斯廷教授。他將會討論法律在預防 重大健康災害的用處。詳情及報名請按此。

In the News:

Landmark ruling marks significant change for end-of-life cases



The U.K. courts have recently decided that it is lawful to withdraw life-supporting treatment without having to apply to Court if the decision to withdraw is "taken in accordance with the prevailing professional guidance" in consultation and with the agreement of the family. See more here.

英國法院最近裁決,如果中止治療的決定是「根據現行的專業指引」並得到家人同意,便不用向法庭申請亦屬合法。詳情請按此。

Base editing used for the first time to correct gene mutation in human embryos

Scientists at Sun Yat-sen University have for the first time used a controversial gene-editing technique, base editing, to correct a gene mutation that has been linked to the blood disease beta thalassemia. It is expected that this approach may one day be able to treat a range of hereditary diseases. See more here.

Feature: How the Elderly Lose Their Rights



In this New Yorker piece, the author explores the guardianship system for the elderly in a county in the US through the story of the North family, detailing how the system was exploited to take advantage of the elderly couple. Read more here.

這篇《紐約客》文章的作者藉著羅夫一家的故事去探討美國一個縣的長者監護制度。故事道出制度如何 被人濫用去損害羅夫夫婦的利益。詳情請按此。