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### Top stories in this newsletter

#### New Case Briefing:



#### Parental order concerning surrogate children granted by the Hong Kong court after considering issues such as delay and breach of the law

In the recent Hong Kong case of *FH and MH v WB and others*, the court declared that the genetic parents of two children born via surrogacy were their legal parents after considering issues such as delay, expenses and breach of the surrogacy law. Read CMEL's case summary [here](#).

在最近香港 *FH 及 MH v WB 及他人* 一案，申請人與其藉代孕所生的兩名孩子有血親關係，申請人請法庭判定他們為孩子的法定父母。在考慮延誤、安排是否違反代孕法律以及費用等問題後，法庭決定批准申請。[按此](#)閱讀本中心的案件撮要。

#### In the News:



#### US court ordered pharmaceutical giant to pay US\$572 million in landmark opioid case

An Oklahoma court held that Johnson & Johnson ran a "false and dangerous" sales campaign, which resulted in opioid addiction and overdose deaths, as well as contributing to the opioid epidemic in the state. The court ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay US\$572 million in compensation for the public nuisance. The landmark ruling has profound implications for other opioid drug companies. Read more [here](#).

美國俄克拉荷馬州法院裁定強生進行了不實及危險的營銷活動，這些活動造成阿片類藥物(opioid)成癮及服藥過量致死並促成當地阿片類藥物氾濫。法院命令強生為其造成的公眾妨擾支付 5.72 億美元賠償，該案對其他阿片類藥品公司影響重大。[按此](#)閱讀更多。



#### Dutch doctor on trial for murder after euthanising a dementia patient

A doctor has gone on trial for murder in the Netherlands after euthanising a dementia patient. The case has raised concerns about euthanising dementia patients on the basis of a request lodged before their loss of mental capacity. Read more [here](#).

荷蘭一名對認知障礙症病人作安樂死的醫生被控謀殺，此事引起據病人失去精神上的行為能力前的要求作安樂死的爭議，案件正進行審訊，[按此](#)閱讀更多。

#### Entertainment:

#### Medical shows using crowdsourcing to diagnose patients



The production teams of two new shows, "Diagnosis" on Netflix and "Chasing the Cure" on TNT/TBS, used crowdsourcing to diagnose patients with unexplained illnesses. This has raised ethical issues. Read more [here](#).

Netflix 頻道名為“診斷”(Diagnosis)的節目和 TNT/TBS 頻道名為“追逐治療”(Chasing the Cure) 的節目中的病人有原因不明的疾病，製作團隊收集觀眾對病人病因的意見作參考以診斷病人，此舉涉及倫理問題，[按此](#)閱讀更多。