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Call for Papers – 10th ICMM Workshop on Military Medical Ethics

The ICMM Centre of Reference for Education on IHL and Ethics, the Medical Services Directorate of the Swiss Armed Forces, and the Zurich Center for Military Medical Ethics are pleased to announce the **10th ICMM Workshop on Military Medical Ethics** on the topic

Medical Rules of Eligibility and Medical Care under Resource Scarcity

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Topic

The questions according to which rules patients are admitted for treatment and which (potential) patient gets what kind of treatment in situations when medical resources are insufficient is a major source of ethical challenges – both for military and humanitarian health care providers. First, because resource scarcity is a feature common to many environments they are working in and ethical challenges related to it therefore often occur. Second, not being able to treat everybody in need necessarily leads to selecting one patient in favor of another one who will not get (a potentially life-saving) treatment. Being forced to not accept patients or even to send them away obviously causes ethical worries.

Even though resource scarcity is frequently encountered practical issue (hardly avoidable in many contexts) and dealing with it leads to ethical problems, there is no universal or generally satisfactory solution to it. We therefore propose to analyze different aspects of the topic and to exchange on experiences and regulations of different organizations, cultures, and contexts with the aim of better understanding the reasons for ethical troubles and to avoid (some of) them in the future.

Presentations could cover topics within the following list but need not be restricted to it.

- What kind of Medical Rules of Eligibility and standards of triage are currently used?
- Ethical challenges triggered by Medical Rules of Eligibility and Triage.
- Ethical and legal justifications and reasoning behind Medical Rules of Eligibility and Triage.
- Acceptance of triage in case of war and other MASSCAL situations in societies used to high standards of care.
- Triage: historical, current, and future challenges.
- Distribution of resources in humanitarian and disaster contexts.
- Level of care in situations of scarce resources.
- Politics of providing medical care: providing medical care to further other ends?

To shed light at the topic from a variety of perspectives we equally encourage **field reports** (e.g. case studies, experience briefings, policy analyses) as well as **philosophical papers** and **legal background analyses**. In line with the tradition of the workshop series, we invite presentations that take the **perspectives of both military and humanitarian health care providers**.

Instructions for Submissions

To submit a proposal, please prepare

- An **abstract of your presentation** (max 300 words)
- A **short biography/ CV** (max 150 words)

and submit it via the **online submission form** on <https://apply.melac.ch/>

→ **Deadline for submissions: January 5, 2020**

→ We will notify all applicants by February 15, 2020 at the latest whether their proposals have been selected. For all selected speakers, we cover conference fee, hotel, and travel expenses (economy class).

For any **questions** with regard to the call for papers or the process of submitting please contact Daniel Messelken (messelken@militarymedicaethics.ch).

Conference publication

The results of the workshop shall be published in a volume within the **“Military and Humanitarian Medical Ethics”** series, published by Springer. Publications from previous workshops & more information are available on <https://publications.melac.ch>

→ All speakers invited to the workshop are expected to contribute to this volume and to hand in their papers for review by 15. July 2020.

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