



CALL FOR PAPERS

PHILOSOPHY THEMATIC ISSUE (2019): *JOURNAL OF EVALUATION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE*

Special Issue on Shared Decision Making

The role of philosophy in discussions of clinical practice was once regarded by many as restricted to a very limited version of 'medical ethics'. But in recent years there has been a resurgence of interest in the philosophy of medicine and healthcare as an intellectually serious and practically significant enterprise. Controversies about evidence, value, clinical knowledge, judgment, integrity and ethics have required practitioners and policymakers to confront the epistemic and moral basis of practice, while philosophers have found in these debates ways to invigorate and reframe the investigation of long-standing philosophical problems, about the nature of reasoning, science, knowledge and practice, and the relationships between epistemology and ethics, morals and politics.

The *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice* is an international health sciences journal (Impact Factor 1.52) that focuses on the evaluation and development of clinical practice in medicine, nursing and the allied health professions. It has a large and diverse readership including practitioners and academics from a vast range of areas, and over a twenty-year tradition of publishing papers raising epistemological, metaphysical and ethical issues underlying clinical policy and practice. April 2010 saw the publication of the first thematic issue of the *Journal* devoted entirely to philosophical issues, and these 'philosophy thematics' have now become an established annual feature of the JECP.

Within the 2019 'philosophy thematic' we are including a Special Section on 'Shared Decision Making', which as UK NICE guidelines note involves health professionals and patients work together with the goal of putting people at the centre of decisions about their own treatment and care. What shifts are necessary in our current thinking and practice to make shared decision-making a reality? What barriers are there to establishing shared decision-making as the norm in health practice and policy? How do we measure success – or the lack of it – in these contexts? What are the other philosophical and empirical research questions which warrant urgent consideration?

Submissions for consideration of publication on the relationship between shared decision making and recent work in evidence-based medicine, values-based practice and person-centred healthcare, are now cordially invited from clinicians, philosophers or other academics to be included within the Special Section. Additionally, we also welcome papers for the 2019 philosophy thematic issue that do not fit the particular theme of Shared Decision Making, but which represent excellent examples of the application of philosophy to questions of substantive import in medicine and healthcare.

Original papers are usually no more than 5000 words in length (though an extension of word count may be requested), and detailed author guidelines are available at:

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Manuscripts can be submitted online using the link <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jecp> - please mark the submissions clearly with the words "Philosophy Thematic Issue 2019 – Shared Decision Making Special Section" OR "Philosophy Thematic Issue 2019 – General". **The deadline for submission of all manuscripts is 1st March 2019.** Peer review will be expedited, and accepted papers published rapidly thereafter. For any questions about possible submissions please e-mail Professor Michael Loughlin: michael_loughlin@ymail.com