

Covid-19 e criteri di ammissione alla terapia intensiva. Uno sguardo filosofico sulle *Raccomandazioni Siaarti*

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Covid-19 and Critical Care Admission Criteria. A Philosophical Look at the Siaarti Recommendations

Abstract: During the most acute phase of the Covid-19 pandemic, a problem of shortage of mechanical ventilators in intensive care units emerged in Italy. The Italian Society of Anesthesia, Analgesia, Resuscitation and Intensive Care (Siaarti) has released the *Recommendations of clinical ethics for admission to intensive treatments and their suspension, in exceptional conditions of imbalance between needs and available resources*, suggesting some specific allocation criteria of health resources in a condition of their extraordinary scarcity. The paper discusses these criteria from a philosophical point of view and argues that they generate the risk of discrimination against elderly people, the so-called ageism, more than one might apparently be led to think.

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