Ethical issues related to public health disaster preparedness have received increased recognition in the wake of recent crises, such as Hurricanes Katrina and the novel H1N1 influenza pandemic. In 2007, New York became one of the first states to release a comprehensive clinical protocol and algorithm to guide allocation of ventilators in the event of shortage due to an influenza pandemic outbreak. This presentation will begin by describing the 2007 Guidelines’ clinical protocol for adults, as well as its ethical underpinnings. It will then examine New York’s recent efforts to formulate new supplements to its 2007 Guidelines, including analyzing clinical and ethical dimensions of treating children during a pandemic, and exploring legal protections for clinicians who adhere to altered standards of care in a declared emergency. The presentation will conclude with a question and answer session with the audience.

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