

Review of: Zlotnik Shaul, R. (ed.) (2014) Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues

Marla Sharp

Volume 1, Number 2, 2018

URI: <https://id.erudit.org/iderudit/1058283ar>

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.7202/1058283ar>

[See table of contents](#)

Publisher(s)

Programmes de bioéthique, École de santé publique de l'Université de Montréal

ISSN

2561-4665 (digital)

[Explore this journal](#)

Cite this review

Sharp, M. (2018). Review of [Review of: Zlotnik Shaul, R. (ed.) (2014) Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues]. *Canadian Journal of Bioethics / Revue canadienne de bioéthique*, 1(2), 77–77.
<https://doi.org/10.7202/1058283ar>

All Rights Reserved © Marla Sharp, 2018



This document is protected by copyright law. Use of the services of Érudit (including reproduction) is subject to its terms and conditions, which can be viewed online.

<https://apropos.erudit.org/en/users/policy-on-use/>

COMPTE RENDU / REVIEW

**Review of: Zlotnik Shaul, R. (ed.) (2014)
*Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care:
Ethical and Legal Issues***Marla Sharp¹**Mots clés**

pédiatrie, patient, centré sur la famille, soins, éthique, droit

Keywords

paediatric, patient, family-centred, care, ethics, law

Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues [1] introduces readers to a collaborative approach to patient care that is quickly gaining acceptance and support across various levels of the healthcare spectrum – one in which members of the patient's family are also recognized as care recipients, and thus care is planned around the entire family unit. This type of care requires healthcare teams to respect and respond to the specific needs, values, and desires of the patient and family and to ensure that these principles and factors have a functional role in all clinical decisions.

The text provides readers with a wide range of relevant and engaging works, written by knowledgeable Canadian experts from various fields, including bioethics, law, medicine, health policy, nursing, philosophy, and social work, among others. Sections and chapters are intuitively organized in such a way that facilitates a cohesive understanding, despite a relative lack of definitional unity across fields of practice compared to more traditional care models. This work provides an inclusive and enthusiastic approach to this topic, and its approach differs from that of other published works in the area of paediatric patient and family-centred care models insofar as it features significant discussion of both ethical and legal deliberations rather than one or the other. Furthermore, the authors' frequent use of case studies makes for informed understanding of the contemporary, real-world benefits and challenges that arise when implementing variations of this type of care model.

Some of the most notable advantages of Patient and Family-Centred Care (P&FCC) approaches include greater patient and family satisfaction, better overall health outcomes, fewer lawsuits, and reductions in rehospitalizations and referrals to specialists [2]. However, there remain some substantial issues, some of the most problematic pertaining to resource allocation [2], physician concerns about losing their role as primary healthcare providers and the practicality of involving family members in care planning [3], and difficulties determining who makes up the family unit [4]. The articles within this text come together to provide a strong explanation and analysis of P&FCC in paediatric care settings; one that would be particularly useful for organizations or institutions (and for the professionals that work within them) that are interested in learning more about this care model when considering whether or not to implement it into their current care practices, or conversely, for those that may have already begun to implement these types of 'synergistic' [3] approaches to care and are seeking insight for optimization purposes.

Conflit d'intérêts

Aucun déclaré

Conflicts of Interest

None to declare

Édition/Editors: Christy Simpson & Patrick Gogognon**Affiliations**¹ New York University, New York, USA**Correspondance / Correspondence:** Marla Sharp, sharpmarlac@gmail.com**Reçu/Received:** 9 Oct 2018**Publié/Published:** 25 Oct 2018 ([CBS/SCB](#): Jul 2017)

Les éditeurs suivront les recommandations et les procédures décrites dans le [Code of Conduct and Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors](#) de COPE. Plus précisément, ils travaillent pour s'assurer des plus hautes normes éthiques de la publication, y compris l'identification et la gestion des conflits d'intérêts (pour les éditeurs et pour les auteurs), la juste évaluation des manuscrits et la publication de manuscrits qui répondent aux normes d'excellence de la revue.

The editors follow the recommendations and procedures outlined in the COPE [Code of Conduct and Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors](#). Specifically, the editors will work to ensure the highest ethical standards of publication, including: the identification and management of conflicts of interest (for editors and for authors), the fair evaluation of manuscripts, and the publication of manuscripts that meet the journal's standards of excellence.

References

1. Zlotnik Shaul R. (ed.). *Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues*. New York: Springer, 2014.
2. Gibson J. Resource allocation in paediatric patient and family-centred care, in R Zlotnik Shaul (ed.), *Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues*. New York: Springer, 2014; p. 35-54.
3. Sheahan L, Da Silva M, Czoli C, Zlotnik Shaul R. A Canadian perspective on a child's consent to research within a context of family-centred care: from incompatibility to synergy, in R Zlotnik Shaul (ed.), *Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues*. New York: Springer, 2014; p. 19-34.
4. Chapman L. Accounting for the family in law: an impartial but not impersonal point of view, in R Zlotnik Shaul (ed.), *Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues*. New York: Springer, 2014; p. 97-114.

