

Can AI Make Better Doctors? Podcast

Summary:¹

Would you prefer a human being to make decisions about allocation of organs, or an AI generated decision based on statistics? In this podcast episode Professor Walther Sinnott-Armstrong explain how AI can be used for decision-making about allocation of human organs, and why it potentially does this better than humans.

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Hosts: Sinead and James

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Ethics Themes:

Resources Allocation

Fairness

Organ donation

Bias

Questions for discussion:

- Professor Sinnott-Armstrong describe how AI is more reliable for consistent decision-making about allocation of organs, because AI doesn't get tired, confused, or forget information. How would you feel about having AI deciding which patient should receive an organ?
- Is it OK to rely solely on a decision made by AI, or would you prefer that a human being is overseeing the decision-making?
- There are concerns that use of AI can reinforce oppression, because it focusses entirely on quality-of-life years. The interviewer (Sinead) argues that it is sometimes ethically justifiable to decide about organ allocation based on equality or equity even if this may mean sacrificing some quality-of-life-years. Do you agree? Why/why not?
- Based on what you've heard in this podcast, do you believe that AI can make better decisions than humans, when coded to make decisions based on relevant social values? Why/why not?

¹ This summary is based on the episode summary on the podcast website.