BOOK REVIEW

Medical Ethics and the Elderly (Second edition)

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This is an important contribution to the understanding of applied ethics with a focus on older people. There is an impressive array of contributors who are, in the main, practitioners within elderly medicine.

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Disadvantaged subgroups of ageing adults with intellectual disabilities are at particular risk. In many nations, older adults with severe and profound impairments are disregarded or institutionalized. Housing is often inadequate and health provision neglected. Underlying all of the reports is the recognition that ageing is a lifelong process and that there is no generally accepted age which defines exactly when people become old. For the purpose of the collective reports, the sixth decade, when people with intellectual disabilities are in their 50s, was chosen as the chronological point for determining age-related change.