

Book Review

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Dear Readers and Members of the Transplant Community,

I would like to draw your attention to a new, current, and informative source on the ethical, legal, and psychosocial aspects of organ transplantation:

Organ Transplantation: Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects,
Towards a Common European Policy
Weimar W, Bos MA, Busschbach JJ (Eds.)
Pabst Science Publishers, Lengerich, 2008.

The Rotterdam conference in April 2007 was a landmark event in a common European effort to establish guidelines for a common European policy in transplantation ethics. The Rotterdam book was not only meant to document the current status of ethical, legal, and psychosocial aspects of transplantation in Europe, it was intended to create a common European discussion forum to

continuously develop guidelines and policies based on the European cultural background, but also under the aspect of the global challenges in transplantation ethics.

The current book can be considered the most recent update of the European positions in transplantation ethics. The book is structured according to the six inaugurated working platforms dealing with the most important issues in the field, being commercialization and trafficking; logistic aspects; live donation; minorities, religion and gender aspects; post-mortem donation; and media and pharmaceutical industry.

The book is the best current informative source for medical staff in transplantation medicine, and also regulatory institutions. It should be understood as a 'kick-off' to help develop transplantation ethics in Europe in the future.

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