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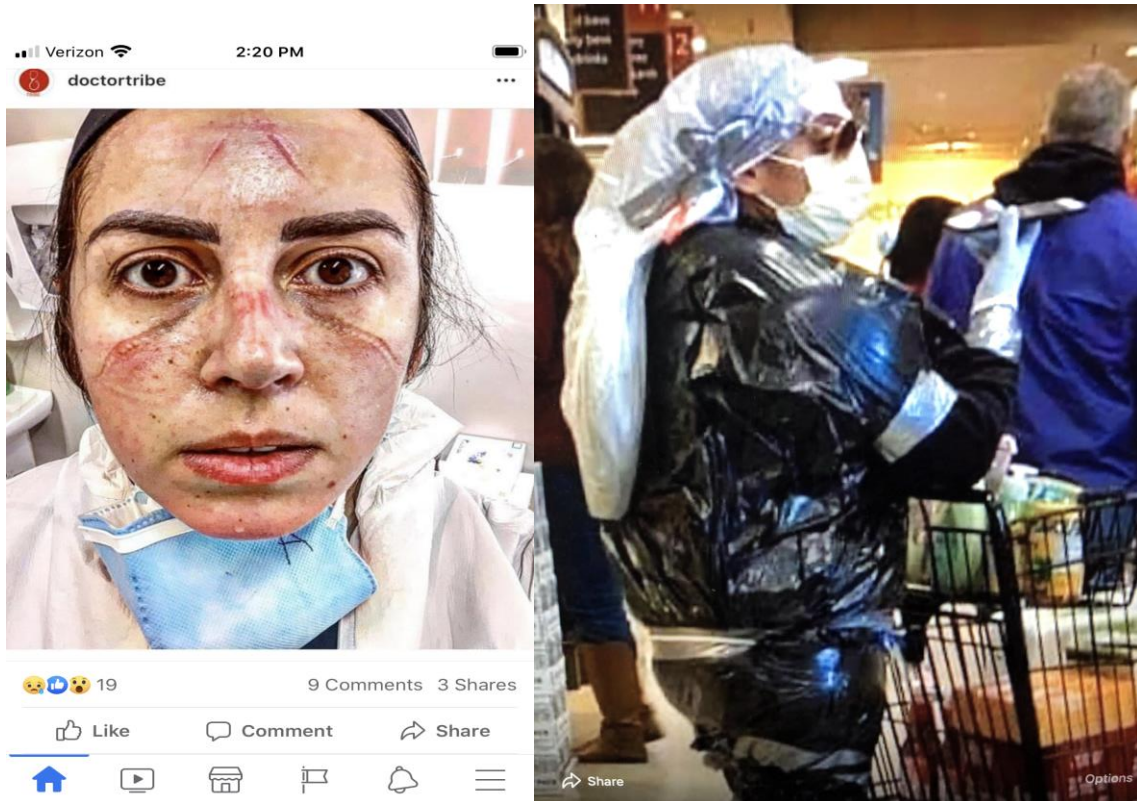
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The author gratefully acknowledges the timely and passionate responses of Drs. Gellert and DePergola II in submitting critical works for this special issue on COVID-19.

DEDICATION

This entire issue is dedicated to those in the war with the Coronavirus – COVID 19
I **wish** we had all been ready



In the Forward, as editor of the *Online Journal of Health Ethics*, I present an introduction stemming from April 2020 statistics regarding the coronavirus and emergent ethical arguments surrounding euthanasia. With a tremendous shortage of medical equipment and supplies, the question looms: unto whom should responders and other medical personnel invest precious life giving resources on? Questions of age, race, social economic status, underlying health issues, and other eliminating factors are introduced. Who gets to play God is yet to be finalized. Readers are urged to go to our Facebook page and finish the discussion.

This issue contains a scathing, poignant article by Dr. George Gellert, MD, MPH, MPA, which presents ethical imperatives that must be considered in recognition of this nation's vulnerabilities exposed during the coronavirus outbreak. He contents that recognition of our global health interdependence is critical for the effective preparation of inevitable future emerging infection outbreaks. Using the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Gellert warns: either we recognize our need to live together as brothers or we will perish as fools.

Taking a different approach, Dr. Peter, DePergola II, Associate Editor of the *Online Journal of Health Ethics*, presents an extensive (54 page) white paper that provides basic ethical guidelines for treating patients with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19). It responds to the need from healthcare organizations to address the moral considerations inherent to caring for this population, in light of scarce and sometimes nonexistent resources - to extreme limits to individual freedoms and de facto social distancing.

I trust that these lessons will better prepare us for the next onslaught on humanity. Demographers and prognosticators all warn that not if, but when. May we all be ready. Special kudos, and thanks are extended to all the front liners in this war: physicians, nurses, EMTs, grocery store clerks, housekeepers, truckdrivers, all personnel in hospitals, clinics, and other public serving institutions who risked their lives to help. A moment of silence is further demanded for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in helping victims. May God's richest blessings be upon you and your families. You will **never** be forgotten!!

Gratefully,

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