

## **Abstract**

Malaysia is a culturally diverse developing country where paediatric bioethics is in its infancy. A cross-sectional online survey of the knowledge and attitudes of Malaysian paediatricians was carried out. Paediatricians' beliefs on four areas of clinical ethics; truth-telling, patient confidentiality, care in constrained resource situations and issues around end-of-life care were explored. Majority of paediatricians would be truthful with their patients and respected patient confidentiality. They were more likely truthful to their patient about the illness and prognosis as patients neared the end of life than at the time of diagnosis. Most would not be social media friends with their patient's parents. Paediatricians were divided in ethical issues at the end of life. Clinical ethics education for paediatric trainees will be beneficial to achieve what is best and least harmful for their patients and families.

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