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### **Education at University of Oslo**

PhD, Medical Ethics, 2014. Dissertation: *Life, medicine and human fulfilment. End-of-life decisions in light of a revised natural law theory.*

Supervisors: Per Nortvedt and Henrik Syse. From the report of the evaluation committee: "*Magelssen's study is original, well-argued, and well-written ... the committee considers the dissertation as an excellent study of new natural law theory that adds important dimensions to the ethics of end-of-life decisions.*"

BA, Philosophy (bachelor i kultur- og samfunnsfag), 2009

MD (cand. med.), 2004

An additional 47 ECTS in medical statistics, political science, astronomy, and theology

### **Employment**

#### ***Current appointments***

University of Oslo, Centre for Medical Ethics, Researcher in the clinical ethics group, 2014-

#### ***Previous academic appointments***

University of Oslo, Centre for Medical Ethics, Associate Professor/University Lecturer with responsibility for revising the curriculum in medical ethics (30%), 2013-2015

Lovisenberg Diaconal Hospital, Doctoral Research Fellow, 2010-2014

University of Oslo, Post-graduate scholarship at the Ethics Programme, 2008-2009 (six months)

Research assistant, Institute for Immunology, University of Oslo, summer 2000

### ***Clinical practice***

Internship (internal medicine, surgery, general practice) and internal medicine, 2004-2010; Sykehuset Telemark, Porsgrunn municipality, and Lovisenberg Diaconal Hospital

### **Publications**

#### ***Book***

Magelssen M. *Menneskeverd i klinikk og politikk. Bioetikk i lys av kristen tro*. Lunde Forlag 2013.

#### ***Peer-reviewed articles***

17. Magelssen M, Filtvedt OJ. "Assisted reproduction, the logic of liberalisation, and five Christian responses". *Ethics & Medicine* 2015; 31(3): 159-175.
16. Magelssen M, Pedersen R, Førde R. "Novel Paths to Relevance: How Clinical Ethics Committees Promote Ethical Reflection". *HEC Forum* 2015, published online Aug. 7, 2015.
15. Magelssen M, Langeland GO. "Fastlegers reservasjonsadgang – hyklersk eller velbegrunnet?" *Etikk i praksis/Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics* 2014; 8(2): 69-81.
14. Magelssen M. "Prenatal diagnosis and the Christian health professional". Accepted for publication in *Christian Bioethics*.
13. Nordberg EMK, Skirbekk H, Magelssen M. "Conscientious objection to referrals for abortion: pragmatic solution or threat to women's rights?" *BMC Medical Ethics* 2014; 15: 15.
12. Nordstrand MA, Nordstrand SJ, Materstvedt LJ, Nortvedt P, Magelssen M. "Medisinstudenters holdninger til legalisering av eutanasi og legeassistert selvmord". *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeförening* 2013; 133(22): 2359-2363.
11. Magelssen M. "Kristen bioetikk på defensiven". *Etikk i praksis/Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics* 2013; 7(2): 18-30.
10. Magelssen M, Pedersen R, Førde R. "Sources of bias in clinical ethics case deliberation". *Journal of Medical Ethics* 2014; 40: 678-682.

9. Nordstrand SJ, Nordstrand MA, Nortvedt P, Magelssen M. "Medical students' attitudes towards conscientious objection: a survey". *Journal of Medical Ethics* 2014; 40: 609-612.
8. Magelssen M, Materstvedt LJ. "Å granske hjarter og nyrer: Ultralydens etikk". *Nytt norsk tidsskrift* 2013; 30(1): 28-40.
7. Magelssen M, Åsten P, Godal E, Os E, Smith A, Rusten Solås H, Hem MH. "Blood sampling from dying patients – an ethical dilemma". *Clinical Ethics* 2012; 7: 107-110. (Somewhat expanded, English version of # 6).
6. Magelssen M, Godal E, Os E, Smith A, Rusten Solås H, Åsten P, Hem MH. "Prøvetaking av døende pasienter – et etisk dilemma". *Bioingeniøren* 2012; (5): 12-16.
5. Magelssen M. "When should conscientious objection be accepted?" *Journal of Medical Ethics* 2012; 38: 18-21.
4. Magelssen M, Folstad T. "Bør leger ha reservasjonsrett ved assistert befruktning?" *Etikk i praksis/Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics* 2011; 5(2): 7-22.
3. Hagen GH, Hage CØ, Magelssen M, Nortvedt P. "Medisinstudenters holdninger til selvbestemt abort". *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeforening* 2011; 131: 1768-71.
2. Magelssen M. "To teorier om fosterets moralske status". *Norsk filosofisk tidsskrift* 2011; 46(3): 199-211.
1. Slettedal JK, Nilssen DOV, Magelssen M, Løberg EM, Mæhlen J. "Brain pathology in fatal serotonin syndrome: presentation of two cases". *Neuropathology* 2011; 31(3): 265-70.

#### **Other articles in scientific journals**

- Magelssen M. "Både personlig og allmenngyldig" (review of Trønnes-Christensen T. *Jeg rekker opp hånden for deg*). *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeforening* 2015; 135: 154.
- Magelssen M. "Å få et annerledesbarn" (review of Berg SF. *Evy Kristine – historien om et annerledesbarn*). *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeforening* 2013; 133: 1960.
- Magelssen M, Meland E. "Fastlegers skjønnsutøvelse er truet" (commentary). *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeforening* 2013; 133: 1170.
- Magelssen M, Fredheim OMS. "Når bør leger ha reservasjonsrett?" (chronicle). *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeforening* 2011; 131: 2518-9.

Magelssen M, Fredheim OMS. “En åndelig dimensjon er viktig for mange pasienter” (chronicle). *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeforening* 2011; 131: 138-40.

Magelssen M. “Vellykket om vegetarmat” (book review). *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeforening* 2010; 130: 1744.

### ***Book chapter***

Magelssen M, Pedersen R. “Hva er etikk?” In *Psykiske helsetjenester og etikk* (textbook), eds. R Pedersen, P Nortvedt, Gyldendal Akademisk, forthcoming 2016.

### ***Working papers***

“Prioritering i helsetjenesten i lys av profesjonsetikk og verdigrunnlag”. Paper for Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services, 2015.

### ***Popular articles***

61 popular articles on issues pertaining to medical ethics since 2009. Full list available on request.

Particularly of note: “Prioriteringens dårlige rykte” *Indremedisineren* 2/2015; “Ikke som å luke i hagen” *Morgenbladet*, Oct. 17, 2014; “Ultralydens etikk”. With Lars Johan Materstvedt. *Morgenbladet*, Mar. 8, 2013.

## **Teaching and supervision**

### ***Faculty of Medicine at the University of Oslo***

Responsibility for medical ethics in the revision of the medical curriculum at the Faculty of Medicine (“Oslo 2014”), 2014-15 (with Per Nortvedt)

Contributions to the development of two new master’s courses in medical ethics (5 ECTS each), “Klinisk etikk” & “Medisinsk og helsefaglig etikk, 2014-16; planned for fall term, 2016

1<sup>st</sup> semester/module 1: “Helse og etikk” (twice), “Disseksjon og etikk” (twice), “Etisk analyse”, “Introduksjon til dydsetikk”, “Genetikk og etikk”. Problem-based learning (PBL) supervisor, 16 sessions

5<sup>th</sup> semester: “Etikk ved livets slutt” (seminar in which I am the main lecturer in two out of three lessons; given six times). “Etikk og

kommunikasjon ved kronisk sykdom” (clinical seminar; twice).  
“Pasientinformasjonens etikk” (lecture)

8<sup>th</sup> semester/module 5: Reflection paper seminars (twice), “Etikk og psykiatri” (lecture), “Tvang og etikk” (team-based learning)

9<sup>th</sup> semester: “Ethics of abortion”, “Ethics of prenatal diagnosis” (both lectures given eleven times)

Supervisor of seven medical student theses (18 ECTS): Eva K. Nordberg: “Hvorfor og hvordan reserverer fastleger seg ved henvisning til provosert abort?” (2012); Sven J. & Magnus A. Nordstrand: “Medisinstudenters syn på reservasjonsrett: En spørreskjemaundersøkelse” (2012); Bjarte Onsrud: “Debatten om fastlegers reservasjonsrett” (2014; co-supervised with Bjørn Hofmann); Sophia Kaushal & Ariel Nyembwe (forthcoming); David Wikstøl (forthcoming); Mette Tolås & Liv Astrid Litleskare (forthcoming); Astrid Barlaup & Åse Elise Landsverk (forthcoming).

Examiner on five medical student theses

### ***Other universities and colleges***

“Ethiske utfordringer i fødselsomsorgen”, two lectures at the Midwifery Master’s degree program at Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Sep. 4, 2014

Supervisor of master’s thesis at the Faculty of Medicine, NTNU (30 ECTS): Kjersti J. Nordpoll: “Prevensjonsmiddel sin verknad etter befruktning – vitenskap og etikk” (2015; co-supervised with Olav Spigset)

Supervisor of medical student thesis at Faculty of Medicine, University of Bergen (10 ECTS): Gard O. Langeland (forthcoming)

### ***Other courses***

Co-organizer of Centre for medical ethics annual national seminar for hospital clinical ethics committees, 2014 and 2015

Main organizer of Centre for medical ethics course, “Kurs i referatskriving for kliniske etikkomiteer”, Mar. 5, 2015

### **Research leadership, grants and applications**

Founding member of the NOBAS (Norwegian Bioethics Attitudes Survey) study group (with Per Nortvedt & Magne Supphellen), 2014– ; leader, 2015–

Main responsibility for the Centre for medical ethics' grant application to the Norwegian Research Council: HELSEVEL, Oct. 2015. Project title: "Improving Ethics in Health and Care Services: from Assumptions to Evidence". Decision due Mar. 2016

Doctoral research grant (approx. NOK 2.5 million), South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority, 2010-2014

## **Presentations**

### *Academic presentations*

"The ethics of priority setting in healthcare", Nov. 16, 2015. Norwegian Research School in Medical Imaging PhD conference (invited speaker with abstract), Oslo

"Rettferdig fordeling av organer for transplantasjon", Oct. 14, 2015. Invited lecture at national congress on organ transplantation, Lunds Universitet, Sweden

"The ethics of organ allocation", Oct. 31, 2014. Invited lecture at European seminar on lung transplantation, University of Oslo/Rikshospitalet

"Can new natural law theory be secular?" Trial lecture for the degree of PhD, University of Oslo, Oct. 9, 2014

"Er det skarpe skillet mellom eutanasi og behandlingsbegrensning bygget på en moralsk fiksjon?" Nov. 22, 2013. Institute of Health and Society internal seminar

"Kristen bioetikk i det offentlige rom" Mar. 7, 2013. Presentation at the Nordic conference for ethics in the health services, Oslo

"Helsepersonells reservasjonsrett – utgått på dato?" Nov. 23, 2012. Centre for Medical Ethics national seminar for clinical ethics committees

"New natural law and end-of-life decisions", May 10, 2012. Halfway presentation at the PhD programme. Centre for Medical Ethics

"Hva innebærer 'verdighet ved livets slutt'?" Sep. 29, 2011. Lecture at Forskningsdagene at Lovisenberg Diaconal College

"Helsepersonells reservasjonsrett: Begrunnelse og grenser" Nov. 29-30, 2010. National conference for ethics, The Ethics Programme, University of Oslo

### ***Popular presentations***

43 talks given on topics in medical ethics since 2009. Full list available on request.

### **Interviews and debates**

30 interviews in different media outlets, participation in three debates, since 2011. Full list available on request.

### **Service and organizational work**

Member of Ministry of Health and Care Services working party on priority setting in healthcare, 2015

Member of Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs commission on freedom of conscience, “Samvittighetsutvalget”, 2015-16

Peer reviewer for *Journal of medical ethics* (three times), *Journal of the Norwegian medical association* (three times), *BMC Medical Ethics* (twice), *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, and *AJOB Primary Research*

Jury member for “Etikkprisen”, awarded by the project “Samarbeid for etisk kompetanseheving”, Oslo, 2014 & 2015

Member of the Norwegian Christian Democrats’ party commission on biotechnology, ethics and legislation, 2011

Service at the organization Menneskeverd: Scientific-ethical council (member 2008-2014, leader 2014-), board member 2006-08

Member of the Research Foundation of the Association for children with heart disease (Foreningen for hjertesyke barn), 2014-

Member of the clinical ethics committee at Lovisenberg Diaconal Hospital, 2009-present

Member of the Norwegian Christian Medical Association’s (NKLF) ethics council, 2008-present