



Saving the Enemy? Military Medical Personnel Under Fire

Every year attacks on helpers in armed conflicts are happening more frequently. At the same time military doctors and medics face ethical and legal challenges. Warfare has changed. Helpers experience this on a daily basis in today's areas of conflict. All too often, military medical personnel find themselves in „dual conflicts“ – whom to treat first?

The **new e-journal issue** deals extensively with the topic „Saving the Enemy? Military Medical Personnel Under Fire“. Experts from around the globe publish their results and contributions on this explosive topic. In a controversial debate, they discuss current topics of military medical ethics from a perspective of International Humanitarian Law, therefore, present an up-to-date overview.

With „**New Values for Military Medical Personnel?**“, General Surgeon of the German Armed Forces Ingo Patschke gives insights in recent topics of military medical ethics. Ralf Vollmuth warns against the dangers of the „slippery slope“ and for Cord von Einem is clear that military doctors and medics find themselves very often in conflict with International Humanitarian Law.

Especially the articles „Caring for Compatriots“ and „There's always Potential! Medicine and the Debate about Human Enhancement“ ensure a controversial debate. A new study from Canada shows in detail where ethical tensions lie in international deployments. 50 Canadian military health-care professionals were interviewed in the process.

„**Helpers in Danger – New Challenges in Armed Conflicts**“ is the topic of the e-journal special which deals mainly with new values for medics and the increasing danger for humanitarian helpers in areas of armed conflict.

Read more on www.ethicsandarmedforces.com or www.ethikundmilitaer.de – There you may find all essays and abstracts for free to download.

„**Ethics and Armed Forces**“ is the first international e-journal for controversial topics in military ethics and security policy. We would very much appreciate a reference to our e-journal on your website, blog, intranet or social media. Feel free to forward this press release to other interested parties, suitable institutes or editorial offices. We also welcome every review.

In advance, I would like to thank you for your support.



Gertrud Maria Vaske

Gertrud Maria Vaske
Chief editor
„Ethics and Armed Forces“