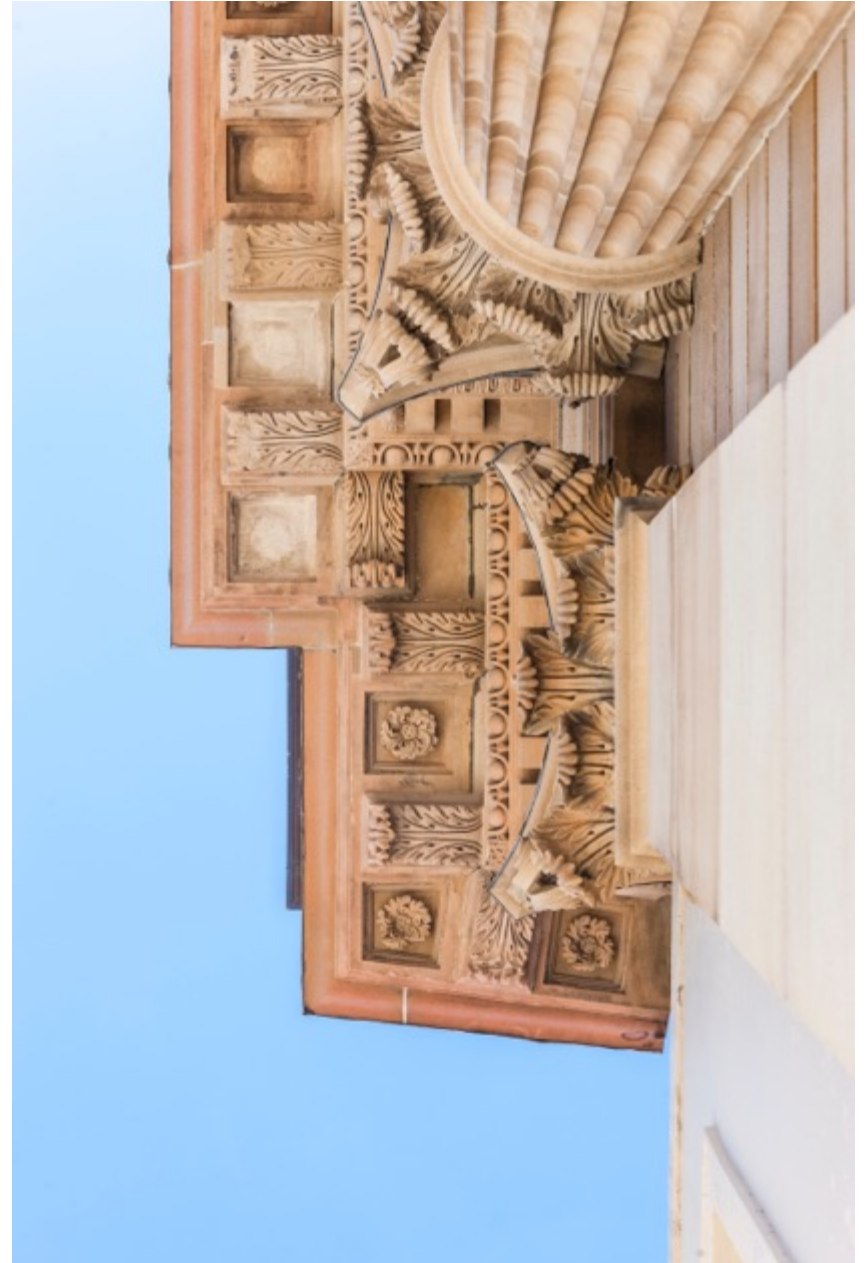


# Resource Allocation

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# What is resource allocation?

- **When we cannot meet demand – how should we distribute it?**
- **Necessarily involve ethics**
- **PPE, ventilators, ICU beds, vaccines, treatment etc**
- **How can we decide?**
  - Fair process
  - Who will make the decisions? Clinical care v allocation

# What is relevant to allocation?

**Three main options:**

- Treat equally**
- Produce best outcomes (efficiency)**
- Priority to disadvantage**

# How should we decide?

- **Tipping point – not too early**
- **Triage**
  - Likely to recover
  - Patients who are dying
  - Those who choose not to be admitted
- **Decide on basis of best value**
- **Tie-breakers?**
- **Regular review**
  - Non-COVID v COVID

# Conclusions

- **Resource allocation – need a clear and rational approach**
- **Protect clinicians**
- **Duty of care to patients**

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