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Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the **Science, Health and Policy-Relevant Ethics in Singapore (SHAPES) bi-monthly Newsletter**.

This Newsletter provides a digest of recent developments in the ethics of biomedicine, especially ethical issues relating to responses to Covid-19, big data, AI, and gene-modifying technologies. You will also find a summary of upcoming SHAPES events.

Key priority areas for the SHAPES Programme:

- Build bioethics capacity in Singapore
- Provide policy advice
- Promote ethically sound research practices
- Provide support and ethics expertise in biomedical research

News

 [Click on the links to see the full article]

'Immunity passports' could help against pandemic – or harm society

by Dominique Soguel,
The Christian Science Monitor

Covid-19 vaccine confronts humanity with tough moral tests

by John Authers,
The Straits Times

Viral posts on elderly cleaner – let's review meaning of consent and how personal data is shared online

by Wong Kwang Lin
and Natalie Pang,
Today Online

Save the Dates

SHAPES Events in 2021:

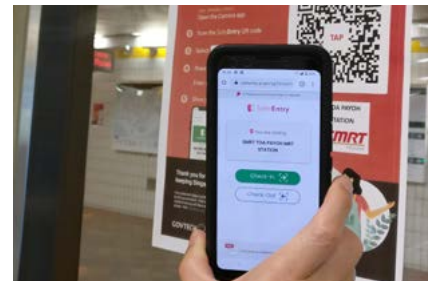
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2021

Workshop: Ethics Framework for Big Data in Health and Research – Learning to Apply the Framework. These workshops will be based on the **Ethics Framework for Big Data in Health and Research**, developed by SHAPES in collaboration with a local and international working group.

5 FEB
2021

A workshop on perceptions of IRB review arising from research SHAPES has undertaken.

Note: These workshops will either be face-to-face or online, depending on the COVID-19 situation at the time. We will update this mailing list in due course with further details, including how to register.



Reports / Statements

Ethics of digital contact tracing apps for the Covid-19 pandemic response by The Covid-19 Public Health Research Network.

Academic Articles

[Click on the links to see the full article]

COVID-19 Ethics and Research by Karen M. Meagher et al., *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*.

Ethical implementation of 'immunity passports' during the COVID-19 pandemic by the national ethics committees of France and Germany and the UK Nuffield Council on Bioethics by Teck Chuan Voo, Hannah Clapham and Clarence C Tam, *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*.

Age Matters but it should not be Used to Discriminate Against the Elderly in Allocating Scarce Resources in the Context of COVID-19 by Leniza de Castro-Hamoy and Leonardo D. de Castro, *Asian Bioethics Review*.

Sharing Information on COVID-19: the ethical challenges in the Malaysian setting by Aimi Nadia Mohd Yusof et al., *Asian Bioethics Review*.

Playing It Safe? Precaution, Risk and Responsibility in Human Genome Editing by Sarah Chan, *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*.

Framing Ethical Concerns and Attitudes towards Human Gene Patents in the Chinese Press by Li Du, Sijie Lin, and Kalina Kamenova, *Asian Bioethics Review*.

Blog Posts & Other Media

Pandemic Ethics: Good Reasons to Vaccinate: COVID19 Vaccine, Mandatory or Payment Model? by Julian Savulescu, *Practical Ethics*.

Setting up a Virtual Clinical Ethics Consultation Service in the time of Covid-19 by Sharon Kaur, *PHEPREN Blog*.

Webinars

- ➔ **20 AUGUST: Coronavirus Conversations: Ethics Of The Use Of Wearable For Early COVID-19 Detection** by Duke Initiative for Science & Society, Duke University
- ➔ **1 SEPTEMBER: CARE Panel: Ethics of Data Sharing in Research** by Center for Ethics and Human Values, Ohio State University
- ➔ **PAST WEBINAR:** As part of the "COVID-19: Updates from Singapore", Dr Voo Teck Chuan, Centre for Biomedical Ethics, NUS talked about "**The Ethics of Immunity Passports During COVID-19**".

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