

# RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS  
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## NEWS & ARTICLES

### **Academic fraud factories are booming, warns plagiarism sleuth**

*By Jack Grove // THE - Times Higher Education*

This report discusses a new way of publication fraud, where co-authorship is sold for articles that have already been accepted for publication in reputable journals.

### **Fact check: False claim that Nuremberg Code prohibits mask mandates**

*By Daniel Funke // USA Today*

This article outlines, contrary to what some people have argued, that the important Nuremberg Code neither rejects the mandates to wear masks nor requirements to vaccinate against COVID-19.

### **Their DNA Hides a Warning, but They Don't Want to Know What It Says**

*By Gina Kolata // New York Times*

American biobanks keep struggling how to manage incidental findings that are potentially clinically significant.

### **Ethical AI Can Promote Diversity In Clinical Research**

*By Praduman Jain // Forbes*

This article argues that and how ethically-designed AI can help to achieve the twin aims of fast and diverse recruitment for participation in clinical trials.

### **First pig-to-human heart transplant: what can scientists learn?**

*By Sara Reardon // Nature*

With US researchers having transplanted the first genetically-modified pig heart, ethicists and regulators worldwide will need to draft guidelines on what makes persons eligible to participate in further early-stage clinical trials of this sort.

## REPORTS

### **Advancing precision medicine through agile governance - Bridging innovation and regulation for the greater good**

*By Brookings Institution*

This Report puts forward "Seven Pillars of Agile Governance" to implement precision medicine initiatives.

### **WHO guidance on the ethical conduct of controlled human infection studies**

*By WHO*

This WHO guidance document helps scientists, research ethics committees, funders, policy-makers, and regulators to evaluate the design, conduct and governance of controlled human infection studies.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Seeking Approval from Universities to Research the Views of Their Staff. Do Gatekeepers Provide a Barrier to Ethical Research?**

*By Katherine Christian, Carolyn Johnstone, Jo-ann Larkins, Wendy Wright // Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics*

This paper argues against a blanket requirement for IRB-approval and proposes that review should take place on a case-by-case basis depending on the risk of the research, with waivers for low-risk research.

### **Secondary research use of personal medical data: patient attitudes towards data donation**

*By Gesine Richter, Christoph Borzikowsky, Bimba Franziska Hoyer, Matthias Laudes, Michael Krawczak // BMC Medical Ethics*

This large empirical study from Germany adds to the growing body of evidence how patients feel about the use of their data for medical research.

### **Reconsenting paediatric research participants for use of identifying data**

*By Blake Murdoch, Allison Jandura, Timothy Caulfield // Journal of Medical Ethics*

Within the Canadian context, this article discusses the importance of re-consenting minors for their continued participation in medical research or use of their biological material, once they gain their legal capacity to consent.

## BLOG POSTS

### **Q&A: New ethics and society review addresses ethical and societal impacts of proposed research**

*By Holly Alyssa MacCormick // Stanford School of Humanities and Sciences*

An interdisciplinary team from Stanford University has created an Ethics and Society Review document that helps researchers and IRBs to evaluate the harms and benefits that proposed research may have on society at-large.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **7th World Conference on Research Integrity (online + Cape Town, South Africa)**

Using a hybrid model, the conference takes place online and in Cape Town, South Africa, on 29 May - 1 June 2022. The theme of the conference is 'Fostering Research Integrity in an Unequal World'.

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