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First pig kidneys transplanted into people: what scientists think By Sara Reardon // Nature

Xenotransplantation trials in brain dead persons presents a host of ethical problems, such as the duty to return bodies to families on a timely basis.

Pregnant women should be included in clinical trials to improve outcomes, says commission By Jacqui Wise // BMJ News

Unless there are specific safety concerns, pregnant women should be included

in drug-related clinical trials to ensure increased access to medication for use during pregnancy.

Germany weighs whether culling excess lab animals is a crime By Hinnerk Feldiwisch-Drentrup // Science

Labs and institutions in Germany attempt to reduce surplus research animals given the country's stricter regulations on animal protection.

Exploring the intricacies of designing software for research ethics By Rachel Gordon // TechXplore

Software like Bartleby can potentially enable researchers in fulfilling ethical

responsibilities including obtaining dynamic informed consent, addressing complex challenges, etc.



equitable

controlled trials By Soren Holm, Jonathan Lewis, and Rafael Dal-Ré // Journal of Medical Ethics

Equipoise, standard of care and consent: responding to the authorisation of new COVID-19 treatments in randomised

treatment for COVID-19, i.e., molnupiravir, has already been authorised for clinical use.

Patient reported outcome assessment must be inclusive and

Addresses the normative implications of conducting RCTs when a particular

By Melanie J. Calvert, Samantha Cruz Rivera, Ameeta Retzer, Sarah E. Hughes, Lisa Campbell, et al. // Nature Medicine Patient-reported outcomes collected in clinical trials as well as routine clinical

practice feature lack of representation from underserved groups and LMIC countries, racial/ethical disparities, etc. PRO designs and delivery must be informed by participants from these groups.

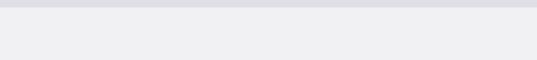
Two kinds of embryo research: four case examples By Julian Savulescu, Markus Labude, Capucine Barcellona, Zhongwei Huang, Michael Karl Leverentz, et al. // Journal of Medical Ethics

The authors present a philosophical distinction between low and high risk embryo research in terms of four categories, enabling efficient decision-making and ethical scrutiny of research that can potentially affect future persons.

Nothing about Us without Us: Inclusion and IRB Review of Mental

Health Research Protocols

By Ian Tully // Ethics & Human Research A case for including perspectives of former research participants with the specific condition under the study that is being reviewed, as IRB members or consultants.



When context calls: EFBRI – An Evolving Ethical Framework

BLOG POSTS

By Michaela Hefti and Rasita Vinay // JME Blog While there are presently no official ethics guidelines on conducting biomedical research in breastfeeding and lactation, the EFBRI is expected to serve as a

Informing Breastfeeding Research and Interventions

specific context. How much should you trust research ethicists' warnings about public distrust?

database of national and international values, norms and research within this

By Nir Eyal // JME Blog

Argues that caution must be exercised when attempting to anchor bioethics and research ethics, particularly for COVID-19 challenge trials, within the paradigm of public (dis)trust.

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