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NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

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.



PUBLICATIONS

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

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

Addresses the normative implications of conducting RCTs when a particular treatment for COVID-19, i.e., molnupiravir, has already been authorised for clinical use.

Patient reported outcome assessment must be inclusive and equitable

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.



BLOG POSTS

When context calls: EFBRI – An Evolving Ethical Framework Informing Breastfeeding Research and Interventions

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 database of national and international values, norms and research within this specific context.

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

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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