

# RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS  
FROM AROUND THE WORLD  
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## NEWS & ARTICLES

### **Commentary: How do we justify using animals as organ donors for humans?**

*By Voo Teck Chuan and Chan Hui Yun // Channel News Asia*

The authors tackle the unique set of ethical issues surrounding xenotransplantation trials from a Singaporean perspective.

### **LinkedIn Ran Social Experiments on 20 Million Users Over Five Years**

*By Natasha Singer // The New York Times*

Implicit or unclear consent policies and troubling algorithms for data collection provide further insights into unethical corporate research practices.

### **Zero tolerance for threats against scientists**

*By Editorial // Nature*

Researchers with expertise in contentious topics like COVID-19 are being threatened with violence. Institutions must defend and support them.

### **New FDA Draft Guidance Aims to Protect Children who Participate in Clinical Trials**

*By FDA*

The US Food & Drug Administration has issued their latest draft guidance on the ethical inclusion of children in medical research. The agency is seeking public comments before finalization of the guidance document.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Participants' informed consent in adaptive, platform drug trials in hospitalized COVID-19 patients: Not all approaches are ethically acceptable**

*By Rafael Dal-Ré, Arthur L Caplan, and Voo Teck Chuan // European Journal of Internal Medicine*

In the I-SPY COVID Trial adaptive, platform RCT, a Phase 2 trial for rapid screening of potential drugs and treatment, informed consent is sought from participants only after a specific medication is assigned. This may not be an ethically valid approach.

### **Performance of IRBs in China: a survey on IRB employees and researchers' experiences and perceptions**

*By Xing Liu, Ying Wu, Min Yang, Yang Li, Kaveh Khoshnood, et al. // BMC Medical Ethics*

This study assesses perceptions of IRB employees and/or researchers regarding performance of Chinese IRBs, using the IRB-Research Assessment Tool and contrasts with similar evaluations conducted in other countries like Singapore and India.

### **Data Medicine: 'Broad' or 'Dynamic' Consent?**

*By Henri-Corto Stoeklé, Elisabeth Hulier-Ammar, and Christian Hervé // Public Health Ethics*

The authors consider neither presumed, nor 'broad' consent, but rather dynamic consent as the best approach in biomedical research.

### **Better governance starts with better words: why responsible human tissue research demands a change of language**

*By Michael A. Lensink, Karin R. Jongsma, Sarah N. Boers, and Annelien L. Bredenoord // BMC Medical Ethics*

Provision of tissue in human tissue research is normally regarded as 'donations' or 'gifts' and providers as 'donors'. This relegates biobank participants to occupying passive roles, and hampers participatory approaches in this type of research.

### **Doing ageing research in pandemic times: a reflexive approach towards research ethics during the COVID-19 pandemic**

*By Lucie Galčanová Batišta, Anna Urbaniak and Anna Wanka // Ageing and Society*

The authors offer their reflections on ethical practice and procedures whilst conducting qualitative research with older adults during the pandemic.

### **"We're already doing this work": ethical research with community-based organizations**

*By Rebecca Fielding-Miller, Sarah Kim, Jeanette Bowles, Samantha Streuli and Peter Davidson // BMC Medical Research Methodology*

In-depth interviews with 11 academic researchers experienced in partnering with community-based organisations indicate a need for changes in traditional notions of public health research ethics.

## BLOG POSTS

### **Could Alarm Over Genetic Manipulation Get in the Way of Environmental Conservation?**

*By Gregory E. Kaebnick // Hastings Bioethics Forum*

How far can precaution be used to bring back a disappearing world? The author calls for a precautionary approach consistent with necessary strategies like genome editing.

### **Why trusted research environments are not about trust**

*By Paige Fitzsimmons // JME Blog*

Increased oversight and security measures through Trusted Research Environment models may reduce vulnerabilities, and ergo, the need for trust.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Seminar Series - Healthcare Ethics and Law**

*Dr Sumytra Menon and A/Prof Lee See Miah*

3, 17, 31 Oct 2022, 6.00pm to 8.00pm SGT on Zoom

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### **Core Module in Healthcare Ethics, Law & Professionalism (For Allied Healthcare Professionals)**

*Ms Audrey Lim, Dr Sumytra Menon and Dr Issac Sia*

5, 7 December 2022, 9.00am to 12.50pm SGT on Zoom

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