

RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Nature welcomes Registered Reports

By Editorial // Nature

Nature will be publishing an additional type of research paper, Registered Reports, to encourage rigour and replication in research and combat publication bias.

Academics fight moves to defund diversity programmes at US universities

By Virginia Gewin // Nature

Laws introduced to defund diversity programmes in Florida's universities has raised concerns that other conservative US states may follow suit. This is anticipated to have adverse effects on diversity in the student and faculty population.

Fed up and burnt out: 'quiet quitting' hits academia

By Nikki Forrester // Nature

Academics are increasingly setting limits on their working hours and activities by performing fewer unpaid, unrecognized or underappreciated tasks.

Human genome editing offers tantalizing possibilities – but without clear guidelines, many ethical questions still remain

By Andre Hudson and Gary Skuse // The Conversation

Human genome editing has the potential to treat many diseases, but many countries do not have the regulatory frameworks required to facilitate its safe and equitable usage.



PUBLICATIONS

Fast-tracking development and regulatory approval of COVID-19 vaccines in the EU: A review of ethical implications

By Giorgia Beretta and Luca Marelli // Bioethics

Examines the factors that contributed to the accelerated development of COVID-19 vaccines in the EU as well as the ethical issues raised by this "fast-tracking".

The promises and limitations of codes of medical ethics as instruments of policy change

By Ana Komparic, Patrick Garon-Sayegh and Cécile M. Bensimon // Bioethics

Examines the roles played by codes of medical ethics. Concludes that while codes face limitations as instruments of policy change, they nevertheless play an essential role serving as tools for reflection and deliberation.

Ethics guideline development for neuroscience research involving patients with mental illness in Japan

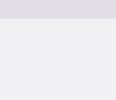
By Yoshiyuki Takimoto and Akifumi Shimanouchi // Asian Bioethics Review

Develops guidelines outlining the ethical considerations relevant to medical research involving patients with mental or neurological disorders.

Key ethical issues encountered during COVID-19 research: a thematic analysis of perspectives from South African research ethics committees

By Theresa Burgess, Stuart Rennie and Keymanthri Moodley // BMC Medical Ethics

Outlines the key ethical issues encountered during COVID-19 research as experienced by South African research ethics committees.



BLOG POSTS

Is Chinese bioethics ready to move forward from the CRISPR baby scandal?

By Joy Y. Zhang and Ruipeng Lei // Hastings Bioethics Forum

Argues that to prevent future research scandals, Chinese Bioethics must incorporate both legislative updates as well as a cultural shift towards more open and inclusive bioethics discussion.

ChatGPT in the clinic? Medical AI needs ethicists

By Emma Bedor Hiland // Hastings Bioethics Forum

Argues that ethicists must preemptively establish a set of best practices and evaluative criteria to be used in examining medical AI applications to minimise harm.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Seminar on Ethical AI in Healthcare

Co-hosted by Duke-NUS Health Services Research Institute and NUS Medicine Centre for Biomedical Ethics

Date: 17 April 2023
Time: 2.30pm to 5.30pm SGT
Mode: Hybrid on Zoom and in-person
Venue: Amphitheatre, Duke-NUS

Bioethics for Outer Space

Dr Victor Cole

Date: 11, 13, 18, 20 July 2023
Time: 6.00pm to 8.30pm SGT
Mode: Online

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