

RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Despite decades of promises, health research still overlooks women

By Maggie Fox // *The Guardian*

Women are systematically underrepresented in clinical research. This has far reaching effects on almost every aspect of their health, they experience significantly worse health outcomes.

Genetic data on 500,000 volunteers in UK to be released for scientific study

By Ian Sample // *The Guardian*

UK Biobank will be making available to health researchers globally the biggest ever cache of whole-genome sequences for medical research.

Small country, large research trials – what Singapore can learn from Denmark

By Jerry Menikoff // *Channel News Asia*

Argues that more local research trials should be conducted to effectively tackle local health problems.

These volunteers want to be infected with disease to aid research – will their altruism help?

By Ewen Callaway // *Nature*

The use of challenge trials, initially spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, is seeing increasing application for other diseases like hepatitis C.



PUBLICATIONS

Is there a duty to routinely reinterpret genomic variant classifications?

By Gabriel Watts & Ainsley J Newson // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

Examines whether laboratories have a duty to routinely reinterpret genomic variant classifications and reissue patient reports.

Machine learning models, trusted research environments and UK health data: ensuring a safe and beneficial future for AI development in healthcare

By Charalampia (Xaroula) Kerasidou et al. // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

Investigates the case of using trusted research environments to train machine learning models and how the safe future of AI development in healthcare can be achieved.

Passive data collection on Reddit: a practical approach

By Tiago Rocha-Silva, Conceição Nogueira & Liliana Rodrigues // *Research Ethics*

Outlines the ethical considerations faced by a research study passively collecting data from social media.

Ethical challenges in research on sexual dysfunction

By Ariella Binik & Yitzchak M. Binik // *Bioethics*

Draws attention to the need for consistent research ethics guidelines concerning sexuality research.



BLOG POSTS

Newly Released Documents from Untreated Syphilis Study: Ethical, Just, and Respectful Use of Archival Materials

By Faith E. Fletcher et al. // *Hasting Bioethics Forum*

Calls for bioethicists and medical and health humanities scholars to promote the ethical, just and respectful use of archival materials for research.

Research by any other name: The case of MEURI

By G. Owen Schaefer // *JME Blog*

Argues that MEURI, an ethical framework aiming to deliver unproven interventions in low resource settings, does not distinguish itself enough from conventional research to fulfill its objectives.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Educators' Course in Healthcare Ethics, Law & Professionalism (for Pharmacists)

Save the date. Registration will open in 2024.

Mode: In person

Dates: 6, 9, 16 May 2024

Educators' Course in Healthcare Ethics, Law & Professionalism (for Nurses)

Save the date. Registration will open in 2024.

Mode: In person

Dates: 18, 20, 27 June 2024

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