

# RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

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

### Academic paper based on Uyghur genetic data retracted over ethical concerns

By Amy Hawkins // *The Guardian*

A study using blood and saliva samples from China's Uyghur population was redacted after an investigation revealed the relevant ethical approval had not been obtained for the collection of the samples.

### Scientists call for review of UK's 14-day rule on embryo research

By Hannah Devlin // *The Guardian*

Extending the current limit of 14 days on embryo research could advance knowledge of recurrent miscarriage and congenital conditions.

### End the glaring inequity in international science collaborations

By Editorial // *Nature*

More must be done to end the glaring inequity in global research collaborations between high and low-income countries.

### Artificial wombs are coming. Could babies soon be grown outside a woman's body?

By Sharon Kirkley // *National Post*

The development of artificial wombs poses ethical questions surrounding the legal rights of fetuses and abortion policy.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Ethics of antibiotic allergy

By Yu Yi Xiang, George S Heriot & Euzebiusz Jamrozik // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

Argues that prescribing penicillin-based antibiotics to patients with reported allergies may be more ethically appropriate than prescribing inferior antibiotics to avoid allergy. This proposed shift has implications in policy, research and education.

### Which benefits can justify risks in research?

By Rijssel et al. // *The American Journal of Bioethics*

Argues that collateral benefits, benefits that result from study participation in general such as payment and the convenience factor, should be included in risk-benefit assessment of research studies, in particular decentralized clinical trials.

### Informed consent under ignorance

By Daniel Villiger // *The American Journal of Bioethics*

Explores how informed consent is possible despite the presence of irreducible ignorance in certain medical treatments.

### Deficient epistemic virtues and prevalence of epistemic vices as precursors to transgressions in research misconduct

By Bor Luen Tang // *Research Ethics*

Advocates that epistemic failings, rather than widespread moral deficiencies of individuals, are responsible for unethical research practices.



## BLOG POSTS

### Respecting and learning from the dead: Ethical research involving the recently deceased

By Brendan Parent et al. // *JME Blog*

Considers how research on recently deceased persons can be ethically conducted.

### Open access publishing: article processing charges pose possible negative consequences for authors and the marketplace of ideas

By Anne Zimmerman // *Modern Bioethics*

Considers the impact of open access publishing on researchers and their ideas.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Seminar on "Absolutely Essential": Bioethics and the International Rules-Based Order

Prof Jonathan Moreno

Mode: In person

Date/ Time: 29 February 2024/ 5.00 to 6.00pm

### 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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