

# RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

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

### The situation has become appalling': fake scientific papers push research credibility to crisis point

By Robie Mckie // *The Guardian*

The rise of fake scientific papers is causing a crisis in the credibility of medical research.

### Gene therapy hailed as 'medical magic wand' for hereditary swelling disorder

By Ian Sample // *The Guardian*

A groundbreaking gene therapy has shown success in permanently curing a potentially deadly hereditary condition. High treatment prices however, raise questions of how widely applicable such treatments will become.

### Research funders must join the fight for equal access to medicines

By Editorial // *Nature*

Pandemic treaties may be a solution to ensuring pandemic-related technologies are accessible and affordable to low- and middle- income countries.

### Neuralink has put its first chip in a human brain. What could possibly go wrong?

By Nathan Higgins // *The Conversation*

Considers the ethical issues relevant to brain-computer interface devices.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Therapeutic misunderstandings in modern research

By Sarah Heynemann et al. // *Bioethics*

Recontextualises the concept of therapeutic misconception within the modern clinical trial landscape.

### Returning individual research results from digital phenotyping in psychiatry

By Francis X. Shen et al. // *The American Journal of Bioethics*

Presents a novel framework accounting for the ethical, legal and social implications of returning individual research results in digital phenotyping research.

### 'A commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion': a conceptual framework for equality of opportunity in patient and public involvement in research

By Sapfo Lignou, Mark Sheehan & Ilina Singh // *Research Ethics*

Identifies challenges to achieving equality of opportunity in patient and public involvement in research, and suggests how future research can overcome these challenges.

### 'I should do what?' Addressing research misconduct through values alignment

By Kate Chatfield & Emma Law // *Research Ethics*

Attributes the rise in research misconduct to the lack of value alignment between research ethics and research integrity.



## BLOG POSTS

### The neuralink patient behind the musk

By Arthur Caplan & Jonathan D. Moreno // *Hastings Bioethics Forum*

Argues that Elon Musk's brief comments on the first in-human brain implant by his company does not meet basic ethical standards in research.

### Research nurses on ethical challenges in recruiting participants for clinical research

By Pär Segerdahl // *The Ethics Blog*

Examines the ethical challenges faced by research nurses recruiting participants for clinical research.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Seminar on The Ethics of Human Challenge Studies

Mode: In person

Date/ Time: 8 April 2024/ 8.00am to 1.00pm

### Seminar on AI Ethics: Beyond the Species Boundary

Prof Peter Singer

Mode: In person

Date/ Time: 9 April 2024/ 5.00 to 6.30pm

### Courses on The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

[Register Now](#)

Dates & Time & Mode:

From Apr 2024 - Watch pre-recorded talks anytime | In May & June 2024 - 'Live' Online sessions

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

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Mode: In person

Dates: 6, 9, 16 May 2024

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

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Mode: In person

Dates: 18, 20, 27 June 2024

### Intensive Course on Negotiating Success

Dates: 23 & 24 May 2024

Mode: In-person at NUS (Bukit Timah Campus)

### PDPA Compliance for HR Professionals

Dates: 28 June 2024

Mode: In-person at NUS (Bukit Timah Campus)

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