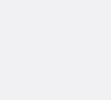


RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Don't rush promising stem-cell therapies

By Editorial // Nature

The article advocates for stem cell treatments being subject to the highest standards of safety and efficacy to maximize its chances for successful clinical application.

Nature project to encourage early-career researchers in peer review is working

By Editorial // Nature

Science will benefit from engaging early-career researchers more in peer review.

'Concerning' lack of female-only medical trials in UK, say health experts

By Andrew Gregory // The Guardian

Experts have found there are 67% more male-only medical trials than female-only in the UK and urge action.

Blood test developed that could speed up diagnosis of rare diseases in babies

By Nicola Davis // The Guardian

A blood test has been developed that could speed up diagnoses for children born with rare genetic diseases, accelerating treatments.



PUBLICATIONS

Mitigating bias in machine learning models with ethics-based initiatives: The case of sepsis

By John D. Banja et al. // The American Journal of Bioethics

Discusses ethics-based strategies for mitigating bias in machine learning models used to predict sepsis onset.

The ethics of autonomous neurosurgical robots (ANRs)

By Arturo Balaguer Townsend // Bioethics

Debates the ethics of the development and adoption of autonomous neurosurgical robots.

Equitable payments for research participation: A successful case of exceptionalism

By Lisa M. Rasmussen et al. // Research Ethics

Discusses the use of equitable payments for research participation, paying participants differently based on their background.

Picturing informed consent: Exploring participatory visual methods to enhance meaningful consent conversations with young people

By Jennifer A. Thompson, Emilia Gonzalez and Mónica Ruiz-Casares // Research Ethics

Explores the use of participatory visual methods in enhancing informed consent with young people.



BLOG POSTS

Overweight increases the risk of cancer – but what good does the information do?

By Åsa Grauman // The Ethics Blog

Discusses how to best use the information about risks identified through research so it is constructive and improves health outcomes.

To Make America Healthy Again, Stop Divesting from Science

By Robert Klitzman // Hastings Bioethics Forum

Argues for the need for investing in biomedical research and education.



PODCASTS

Wrongfully Alive

By Sreenivasan Narayanan and Sathya Narayanan // Hosts: James Lim & Sinead Prince // CBmE&U Podcast

Sreenivasan Narayanan and Sathya Narayanan from Sreenivasan Chambers LLC talk about what should happen when children are conceived because someone was negligent, and how this has played out in Singapore's courts with hosts Sinead and James.



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