

# RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

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

### Metascience can improve science — but it must be useful to society, too

*By Editorial // Nature*

Metascience research must aim to improve research practices, but must also discuss how to maintain trust in science.

### Transparent research: can big tech learn from big pharma?

*By Editorial // Nature*

Considers how tech companies doing research can learn from open science policies in the pharma industry to produce safe and effective outcomes.

### UK scientists to synthesise human genome to learn more about how DNA works

*By Ian Sample // The Guardian*

Research on synthesizing human genomes raises important ethical questions about designer babies and possible environmental concerns.

### Patients with ultra-rare diseases worry FDA approach will leave them without treatment

*By Melody Schreiber // The Guardian*

New FDA rules on the drug approval process may leave sufferers of rare diseases without treatment.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Framework for review of clinical research Involving AI

*By MRCT Center & WCG Artificial Intelligence Task Force // MRCT Center*

The Multi Regional Clinical Trials Center has developed a framework that offers institutional review boards (IRBs) and other oversight entities a structured, practical approach to evaluating protocols that involve artificial intelligence in research with human participants.

### Considering the developing entity in an artificial womb as a patient

*By Frédérique Drouin, Alice Cavolo, Vardit Ravitsky & Charles Dupras // Bioethics*

Argues that foetuses in artificial wombs should be considered patients even if they are not legally and morally recognized as persons.

### Pursuing fair and just compensation for research participants: An open letter to the research ethics community

*By Roberto Abadie et al. // The American Journal of Bioethics*

An open letter from 64 signees from various bioethics linked fields calling for researchers to pay research participants fairly and not default to payment conservatism.

### Publication ethics, retraction notices, and hindsight

*By Mikyung Kim & Christopher B. Shook // Research Ethics*

Considers how academic journals can establish policies and guidelines to best manage cases of unethical research.



## BLOG POSTS

### What do MS patients consider to be the most important features of treatment?

*By Pär Segerdahl // The Ethics Blog*

Considers the use of preference studies in determining which features of treatment are considered most important by patients.

### Sweet vindication for stem cell Research, and American science

*By Jonathan D. Moreno // Hastings Bioethics Forum*

A group of people suffering from severe type 1 diabetes have been treated using stem cells. The author outlines the history of the research ethics of stem cell research to position this breakthrough.



## PODCASTS

### Healthcare for All? with Larry Temkin

*By Larry Temkin // Hosts: Sinead Prince & James Lim // CBmE&U Podcast*

In episode 10 of season 2, Professor Larry Temkin from Rutgers University proposes the initially controversial idea that expecting all countries to provide universal healthcare is more problematic than we realise.

### Happiness and Meaning: Can you have both?

*By Matthew Hammerton // Hosts: Sinead Prince & James Lim // CBmE&U Podcast*

In episode 11 of season 2, Dr. Matthew Hammerton from Singapore Management University presents the ideas of happiness, well-being, and the meaningful life, to answer what it really means to live a good life.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Asian Bioethics Network Conference 2025

*Register Your Interest*

Date: 23th Oct to 24th Oct 2025

Location: Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore

### MOH-NUS Masters Fellowship

*Apply by 31st July 2025.*

This prestigious programme offers Singapore citizens and permanent residents professionals opportunity to pursue a full-time study for Master of Science in Biomedical Ethics at NUS Medicine. Complete the programme in just 18-24 months, starting January 2026.

### Workshop - The Replication Crisis in Science and Medicine: A Reproducibility Opportunity for Singapore

*Register now.*

Location: Shaw Foundation Alumni House, Sage Room, Level 1, Singapore

Date: 2nd Oct 2025

Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm

### Evolving Ethics for Evolving Minds Conference

*Register now.*

Mode: In person in Spain

Date: 16th Oct 2025 to 17th Oct 2025

### Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law (AABHL) Conference

*Register now.*

Mode: In person in New Zealand

Date: 7th Dec 2025 to 9th Dec 2025

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