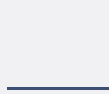


RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
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NEWS & ARTICLES

How Private Equity Oversees the Ethics of Drug Research

By Bioethics Pundit // Bioethics.com

Many drug trials are vetted by companies with ties to the drugmakers, raising concerns about conflicts of interest and patient safety.

Weaponizing uncertainty in science and in public health puts people in harm's way

By Editorial // Nature

Those who cite scientific studies to support policies should take care to tell the whole story, especially when it's complex.

Women carry a higher genetic risk of depression, new study says

By Natasha May // The Guardian

Researchers in Australia find 16 genetic variants linked to depression in women but only eight in men.

UNESCO stands at a crossroads — researchers must back its new leader

By Editorial // Nature

Khaled El-Enany, the agency's first director-general from an Arab state, will lead the UN's education, science and cultural organization through one of its most severe tests.

Singapore's bioethics advisory committee urges caution on heritable gene editing

By Joyce Teo // The Straits Times

Singapore's Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC) advises against heritable gene editing due to unknown long-term effects and safety concerns.



PUBLICATIONS

The ethics of Wegovy: promoting autonomy in pediatric care

By Nanette Ryan and Julian Savulescu // Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy

Wegovy's use in children raises ethical concerns about autonomy and virtue; when prescribed within supportive frameworks, it can foster rather than undermine children's autonomy.

Measuring Social Trust in AI: How Institutions Shape the Usage Intention of AI-Based Technologies

By Sulfikar Amir, Sabrina Ching Yuen Luk, Shrestha Saha, Iuna Tsyulneva, Marcus T. L. Teo // Human Behavior and Emerging Technologies

A cross-country survey in Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea shows that social trust in AI depends on trust in institutions.

Privacy, Exploitation and Global Disease Surveillance: Can We Justly Prevent the Next Pandemic?

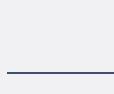
By Anand Sergeant // Public Health Ethics

Global disease surveillance technologies could greatly aid pandemic prevention, but their implementation often targets marginalized communities in the Global South, imposing privacy burdens without sufficient benefit.

Grounding ethical governance: Co-produced, community-based research ethics in qualitative and oral history practice with vulnerable groups

By David Anthony Palmer // Research Ethics

An embedded, community-based model of ethical governance shows how decentralised, co-produced ethics oversight rooted in lived experience can enhance contextual sensitivity, trust, and participant safety more effectively than conventional institutional ethics models.



BLOG POSTS

When Science Splinters: Vaccine Federalism and the Erosion of National Standards

By Richard Hughes IV and Lawrence O. Gostin // The Hastings Center for Bioethics

Political interference has fragmented U.S. vaccine policy, undermining trust and equity, and highlighting the need to restore unified, evidence-based national guidance grounded in scientific independence.

Examining Norms in Medical & Scientific Communications amid Rapidly Advancing Technologies

By Rafael Escandon // Journal of Medical Ethics Forum

A social media post about a trial participant's death raises ethical concerns about consent, dignity, and truthfulness in reporting clinical research.



PODCASTS

CBmE&U: Dementia and Desires: Which you is the real you? With Rand Hirmiz

Hosts: Sinead Prince and James Lim // CBmE&U Podcast

In Episode 15 of Season 2, Dr. Rand Hirmiz from Singapore Management University talks about how people with dementia can sometimes drastically change their preferences, how we should respect these different sets of views, the ways in which we form values, and the similarities and differences between the person pre-dementia and post-dementia.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Location: Christchurch, New Zealand
Date: 7th Dec 2025 to 9th Dec 2025

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Register Now.

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa
Date: 8th to 10th July 2026

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