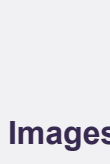


# RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

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

### Images for AI use can be sourced responsibly

*By Editorial // Nature*

A high-quality image data set shows that tech companies can obtain informed consent and avoid data bias without breaking the bank.

### ‘A pill for every ill’: doctors say Australia overprescribing antidepressants to mask toxic social conditions

*By Melissa Davey // The Guardian*

Antidepressants can be helpful but they can’t fix chronic stress caused by social problems like debt, poverty, racism or domestic violence.

### Doing your own research isn’t a bad thing, I tell my patients. But just how will they spot the fraudulent papers?

*By Ranjana Srivastava // The Guardian*

While every self-aware doctor knows no one is an expert on everything, the average person turning to the internet cannot distinguish evidence from gloss.

### How menopause treatments evolved from horse urine to a new non-hormonal drug that targets hot flashes

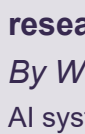
*By Khoo Bee Khim // Channel News Asia*

Did you know that oestrogen has been used to treat menopausal symptoms since 1928? Now, there’s a new non-hormonal alternative and even the off-label use of medicines for hypertension, depression, epilepsy and hyperactive bladders to consider. CNA Women takes a look at how menopause treatment has evolved.

### Independence key to ageing well: SUSS study on seniors in Singapore

*By Chin Soo Fang // The Straits Times*

Sense of agency is key to ageing well, fostering connectedness and purpose, while its absence leads to decline in motivation and relationships, IAIC study finds.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Ethically sourced image data set encourages fairness in AI research

*By Walter J. Scheirer // Nature*

AI systems rely on data that often lack diversity, perpetuate biases and violate intellectual-property rights. An ethical human-image data set addresses these problems.

### International core ethical principles for medical research put to the test: the newly revised Declaration of Helsinki

*By Ramin W Parsa-Parsi, Raanan Gillon, & Urban Wiesing // JME Practical Bioethics*

A two-and-a-half-year critical review culminated in the adoption of a new version of the Declaration of Helsinki in October 2024. This article elucidates the revision process and highlights the elements that have remained consistent and considers potential objections.

### Digital Life Models and the Genomic Knowledge Paradox: A Proposal for AI-Assisted Reflection in Genetic Decision-Making

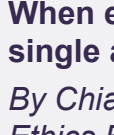
*By Serene Ong, Sebastian Porsdam Mann, Cristina Voinea, Christopher Register, Julian Koplin, Julian Savulescu, & Brian D. Earp // The American Journal of Bioethics*

Expanding genomic screening creates uncertainty about wanting genetic risk information. Digital life models—AI based on personal values—could help individuals decide whether to receive such data.

### Public Justification and Normatively Meaningful Bias: Against Imposing Egalitarian Accounts of Algorithmic Bias

*By Anantharaman Muralidharan, Julian Savulescu, & Gerald Owen Schaefer // Bioethics*

Algorithmic bias claims often carry contested moral assumptions, making their use publicly unjustified. The authors argue for a publicly justifiable, less controversial conception of algorithmic bias.



## BLOG POSTS

### What Research Scandals? Welcome to the Bioethics Memory Hole

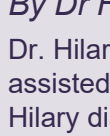
*By Carl Elliott // The Hastings Center for Bioethics*

The absence of any sustained attention to research scandals has left a gaping hole at the center of bioethics scholarship and teaching.

### When evidence has only one arm: The ethical challenges of single arm trials

*By Chiara Mannelli and Giuseppe Traversa // Journal of Medical Ethics Forum*

Single Arm Trials can be a valuable option when traditional randomized trials are not feasible or appropriate, but only if their limitations are acknowledged and addressed with transparency and care.



## PODCASTS

### CBmE&U: The Ethics of Making Babies the Modern Way

*By Prof I. Glenn Cohen // CBmE&U Podcast*

Prof. I. Glenn Cohen (Harvard University) gives us his world leading answers to some of the stickiest issues in modern reproductive ethics: What does in-vitro gametogenesis mean for parenthood? If there is no other means for a person to exist but with a genetic condition, is trying to select against certain embryos even good for anyone? What is the importance of genetic relatedness in determining who our parents are, and to us as individuals? What's the difference between IVF and IVG?

### CBmE&U: Who are your parents

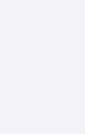
*By Dr Hilary Bowman-Smart // CBmE&U Podcast*

Dr. Hilary Bowman-Smart (University of South Australia) discusses the impact of assisted reproductive technologies on what we think it means to be a parent. Hilary discusses this case and answers questions such as what if the embryo that made you, was made from 4 different people's gametes? What if you could have children with your friends, instead of your romantic partner? Should James start a cult?

### Love, Addiction, AI "Twins" of Real People and Bioethics

*By Imi Lo and Brian D. Earp*

Brian Earp and Imi Lo explored ethical debates on biomedical enhancements, cultural practices and the disruptive implications of AI for creativity and academia.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

*Register Now.*

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

### Ethics of Unsolicited Clinical Trial Recruitment via Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

*Register Now.*

Location: Shaw Foundation Alumni House, Coriander Room, Level 2, Singapore  
Date: 11 Feb 2026  
Time: 1.30pm to 5.15pm

### 18th World Congress of Bioethics

*Register Now.*

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

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