

# RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD CURATED BY CBME

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## NEWS & ARTICLES

### New MOH–NUS Fellowship launched to strengthen everyday ethics in Singapore’s healthcare sector

By Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

The inaugural Fellowship — awarded to NUH nurse Kwek Shi Qi — equips experienced healthcare professionals to translate ethical principles into everyday clinical decisions through rigorous study and real-world attachments.

### Celebrate women in research and the networks that sustain them

By Nature

On International Women’s Day earlier this month, technology pioneers were celebrated and the mentorship that is necessary to inspire the current generation and those of the future was recognized.

### Funding from individual donors: lessons from the Epstein case

By Nature

Universities need to establish and empower compliance teams to ensure adherence to ethical funding policies.

### NSW Health continues to use machine known to produce inaccurate results to test child blood lead levels

By Natasha May // The Guardian

LeadCare II offers point-of-care testing but the equipment has had recalls globally due to the potential for inaccurately low readings.

### Kent meningitis outbreak may have peaked as UKHSA reports slowdown in cases

By Anna Bawden // The Guardian

Experts continue to analyse strain of MenB to understand whether it has become more likely to spread or cause disease.

### Singapore revises healthcare AI guidelines, attains WHO top rating for medical device regulation

By Joyce Teo // The Straits Times

Singapore is advancing AI healthcare regulation through sandboxes, accepting AI-developed drug applications under standard criteria, and achieving top WHO safety recognition, strengthening its position as a global regulatory leader.



## PUBLICATIONS

### “Yet the Problem Remains”: Why Genetic Determinism Still Haunts Biomedical Research

By Christopher R. Donohue and Ian A. Myles // Bioethics

While many advancements in equity have come, well-intentioned geneticists continue to struggle to distance themselves from those weaponizing genetic data. The consistency of associations between modern population genetics and historic eugenics demand mechanistic evaluation.

### Reasonable to Whom? Rethinking Informed Consent Disclosures in Light of the Research Related Concerns of the Autistic Community

By Manisha Khatiwada, Dana Howard, Tema Krempley, Katherine Walton, Crystal Williams, and Abraham David Graber // The American Journal of Bioethics

The reasonable person standard systematically fails to meet the informational needs of (many) people from minoritized populations because of its emphasis on the informational wants of the “average” person.

### Effectiveness of an internet-based health examination model for focus populations in the Chinese community: a community demonstration trial

By Zhijie Huang, Zhiheng Zhou, Zhihua Mai, Yuming He, Baoxin Chen, Chanjiao Zheng, Ying Su, Sifan Huang, and Ling Wang // International Journal for Equity in Health

For community-based focus populations, the internet-based health examination model demonstrated superior effectiveness in expanding coverage rates and was highly cost-effective compared to the traditional model.

### The Right to Privacy as a Right to Obscurity: On Big Data, Inferences, and Attention

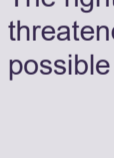
By Clint Hurshman // Philosophy & Technology

The right to privacy is partly a right to obscurity, and this right can be directly threatened by the extensive computational resources that big data makes it possible to marshal.

### Reclaiming “Abnormal” Embryos after Preimplantation Genetic Testing for Aneuploidy: Patients’ Perspectives on Transferring Embryos Against Institutional Advice

By Shizuko Takahashi, Sonia Gayete-Lafuente, Elizabeth Choong, Lara Guijarro-Baude, David H Barad, Pasquale Patrizio, Michael Dunn, Julian Savulescu, Norbert Gleicher // Human Reproduction Open

This qualitative study examines how patients challenge PGT-A classifications and assert reproductive agency by choosing to transfer embryos labelled “abnormal” despite institutional refusal.



## BLOG POSTS

### Genetic Therapies for Rare Diseases: Developing Ethical Regulatory Policies

By Carolyn Riley Chapman and Nirvan Bhatia // Hastings Bioethics Forum

For gene-based therapies for rare diseases (and other therapies, as well), a differentiated approval system might facilitate access, transparency, and trust, while ensuring that products are safe and effective – an ethical regulatory policy we should be seeking.

### The trip is not the transformation

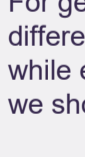
By Chiara Caporuscio // The Journal of Medical Ethics Forum

Psychedelic experiences can feel transformative, but evidence suggests they are better understood as epiphanies. Lasting change depends on post-session choices and integration, preserving personal continuity and supporting meaningful informed consent.

### How is ethical review perceived by researchers in the social sciences and humanities?

By Pär Segerdahl // The Ethics Blog

Ethical review protects participants and trust, but its fit for social sciences is debated. Researchers report benefits and challenges, including rigidity, uncertainty, and influence on research choices, suggesting need for more flexible, supporting systems.



## UPCOMING EVENT

### GLP-1 in Children and Adolescents: Navigating the Ethical Landscape

Register Now!

Mode: Online via Zoom  
Date: Friday 8 May 2026  
Time: 3.00 to 6.00pm (SGT)

### 9th Asia Dengue Summit (ADS)

Venue: Orchard Hotel Singapore  
Date: 15-17 June 2026

### 18th World Congress of Bioethics

Register Now!

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa  
Date: 8-10 July 2026

### Neuroethics Asia Conference 2026

Call for Abstracts! (Abstract submission deadline: 31 May 2026)

Venue: NUSS Kent Ridge Guild House, Singapore  
Date: 6-7 November 2026

### Essential Topics in Clinical Ethics (ETCE) Course

Register Now!

Mode: Online via Zoom  
Date: 22 Jul 2026 to 12 Aug 2026 (Every Wednesday)  
Time: 2.00 to 5.00pm (SGT)