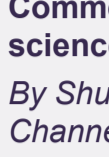


RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Commentary: Your leftover blood samples are valuable to science – but they are often discarded

By Shuan SE Loong, Kylie Heng, Roger Foo, Jerry Menikoff // Channel News Asia

When leftover blood or tissue samples are disposed, we lose the opportunity to gain important medical knowledge, say academics from Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine.

Vaccines mean malaria deaths should be falling — not rising

By Nature

The tools exist to end this killer disease. It is the money and the will that are lacking.

Brain organoids are a transformative technology — but they need regulation

By Nature

The potential benefits of organoids for fundamental research and medicine are huge. Efforts to establish proper boundaries for their use should be supported.

Bird flu vaccine trial against potential pandemic strain begins

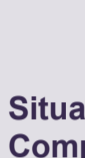
By Fergus Walsh // BBC

The first volunteers in the UK have been immunised with a vaccine to protect against a potential bird flu pandemic.

Plagiarised research passed automated tests, and I detected it – but only because it copied my work

By Carolyn Heward // The Conversation

The safeguards in place to protect research integrity are not keeping pace with the tools that can be used to circumvent them.



PUBLICATIONS

Reclaiming ‘abnormal’ embryos after preimplantation genetic testing for aneuploidy: patients’ perspectives on transferring embryos against prior 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

Qualitative study of IVF patients transferring embryos labelled “abnormal” explores decision-making, autonomy, and ethical tensions between clinical authority, uncertainty, and reproductive agency.

Situated responsibility in interdisciplinary research ethics: Comparative perspectives from Moldova, Japan and France

By Sanda Caracentev and Dorina Rosca // Research Ethics

Situated ethical responsibility (SER) is proposed as a framework for interdisciplinary research, emphasizing context-sensitive, relational ethics beyond universal codes, based on cross-cultural findings from interviews and observations across multiple research settings.

Assessing Risk Thresholds in Controlled Human Infection Models (CHIM)

By Alexa Nord-Bronzyk, Barnaby Young, Jerry Menikoff, Julian Savulescu, G. Owen Schaefer // Bioethics

Ethical risk thresholds in Controlled Human Infection Models are examined through three approaches—consistency, community engagement, and no threshold—to guide evaluation of higher-risk trials, especially during future pandemics.

Empathic strain in qualitative trauma research: Toward a trauma-informed institutional framework

By Nena Mocnik // Research Ethics

Empathic strain among trauma researchers is identified as an under-recognized occupational risk, with a three-phase model proposed to embed emotional risk management into governance and address institutional gaps in researcher well-being.

Digital bioethics: exploring an emerging field

By Georg Starke, Wolf-Tilo Balke, Lasse Benzinger, Oliver Buchholz, Manuel Burghardt, Lukas J. Meier, Emilian Mihailov, Eva Seidlmayer, Robert Ranisch, Frank Ursin, Effy Vayena & Sabine Salloch // Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy

Digital bioethics examines integration of data science and AI into bioethics, proposing a methods-based framework, comparing related fields, and addressing challenges, opportunities, and ethical implications for research and healthcare.

When youth participation becomes symbolic: voices and influence in global health governance

By Mirko Ancillotti // The Ethics Blog

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BLOG POSTS

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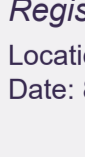
Therobot versus a Tic Tac with Charlotte Blease

By Hosts: James Edgar Lim and Sinead Prince // CBmE & U

Associate Professor Charlotte Blease (Uppsala University) discusses the ethics of mental health chatbots, examining placebo effects, the difficulty of measuring benefit or harm, and whether our growing reliance on AI—both in care contexts and everyday communication—risks displacing human judgement and relationships.

Highlights from the Asian Bioethics Network (ABN) Conference 2025

Relive the highlights of the Asian Bioethics Network (ABN) Conference 2025, held on 23–24 October in Singapore. The theme, "Navigating the Ethical Maze for Tomorrow's Medicine," brought together bioethics leaders, policymakers, and healthcare professionals from 15 member states across Asia-Pacific.



UPCOMING EVENT

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

Register Now!

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

Research for Health Webinar Series: AI and the Future of Research Ethics Review

Register Now!

Mode: Online via Zoom
Date: 18 May 2026
Time: 10.00 to 11.00am (MNL)

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 4.15pm (SGT)

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