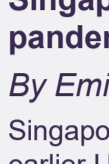


RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Singapore pledges US\$12 million to global health partnership for pandemic preparedness

By *Emil Chan // Channel News Asia*

Singapore's pledge of US\$12 million (S\$15.4 million) is a continuation of its earlier US\$15 million contribution made in 2022.

Indonesia's rice farmers test climate-friendly methods that cuts methane emissions, raises yields

By *Saifulbahri Ismail and Calvin Yang // Channel News Asia*

Rice is a staple for billions but growing it contributes to climate change, as flooded paddy fields release large amounts of methane – a potent greenhouse gas.

Mental-health research is too often invisible — it is time to change that

By *Nature*

Mental illness needs visibility more urgently than almost any other area of medicine and health care. A new award from Wellcome and Nature aims to raise its prominence.

Why AI cannot do good science without humans

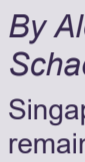
By *Nature*

With the arrival of 'AI scientists', it's as well to remember that human wisdom, empathy and sheer messiness are as much part of progress as are process and efficiency.

Health authorities are racing to contain Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Uganda. Here's what's making it so challenging

By *C Raina MacIntyre, Ashley Quigley, Mohana Priya Kunasekaran, and Noor Jahan Begum Bari // The Conversation*

DRC's unprecedented Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak highlights delayed detection, weak surveillance, limited treatment options, and the critical importance of community trust, rapid containment, and global preparedness.



PUBLICATIONS

Guiding Policymakers Toward Better AI Ethics Integration in Healthcare Regulation—Lessons from Singapore

By *Alexa Nord-Bronzyk, Bryson Ng, Tianxiang Lan, G. Owen Schaefer, Shizuko Takahashi // Journal of Clinical Medicine*

Singapore's healthcare AI governance largely matches global leaders, but gaps remain in addressing ethical risks, bias, clinician-patient knowledge exchange, informed decision-making, and preventing workforce deskilling amid rapidly evolving technologies.

Why gradual minds may still require sharp lines: a review of Joshua May's Neuroethics

By *Elzé Sigutė Mikalonytė and Brian D. Earp // Philosophical Psychology*

It is recognised that while mental conditions, personal identity, and even moral responsibility exist on spectrums, law and policy sometimes require drawing practical diagnostic boundaries.

The Declaration of Helsinki, revised: still inconsistent after all these years

By *Jerry Menikoff // JME Practical Bioethics*

The Declaration of Helsinki falsely prioritizes participant interests over research goals, ignoring how clinical trial design routinely compromises participants and may worsen therapeutic misconception.

Digital Shi'ism and ethical dilemmas in the study of religious minorities on Instagram: Methodological reflections from the field

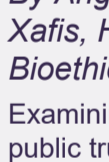
By *Akif Tahiev // Research Ethics*

Exploring ethical challenges in researching digital religious minorities on Instagram, this study advocates a flexible, context-sensitive approach balancing participant protection, transparency, consent, visibility, and representation of vulnerable communities.

Safeguarding engagement with under-represented groups: Ethical considerations for mitigating fraudulent participation in health research

By *Jenny Duong, Iqra Rahamatullah, Tristan Bilash, Caitlin Forbes, Sharon H. J. Hou, Brianna Henry, Sheila N. Garland, Jacqueline L. Bender, Perri R. Tutelman, Fiona S. M. Schulte // Research Ethics*

Addressing fraudulent participation in online COVID-19 research, this study recommends inclusive recruitment, screening, and data collection strategies that balance fraud prevention with equitable engagement of under-represented groups.



BLOG POSTS

Trustworthy Governance of Genomic and Health-Related Data: Lessons from Singapore

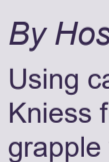
By *Angela Ballantyne, G. Owen Schaefer, Ainsley J. Newson, Vicki Xafis, Hui Jin Toh, Serene Ong, Tam Lysaght, E Shyong Tai // Asian Bioethics Review*

Examining precision medicine data sharing in Singapore, this study argues public trust depends more on fairness, transparency, accountability, and collective benefit than on individual consent models alone.

The Enhanced Games Are Paying Athletes Well – Too Well

By *Byron Hyde // Hastings Bioethics Forum*

Massive financial incentives for doping in the Enhanced Games may undermine athletes' autonomy by exploiting financially vulnerable, aging competitors pressured to prioritize money over health and genuine choice.



VIDEOS & PODCAST

Feminist Science: Wait what? with Deboleena Roy

By *Hosts: Sinead Prince // CBME & U*

Professor Deboleena Roy (Emory University), a neuroscientist and behavioural biologist, discusses what it means to do feminist science and be a feminist scientist.

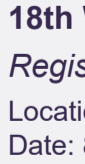
To smoke or to vape? With Johannes Knies

By *Hosts: Kathryn Muyskens and Sinead Prince // CBME & U*

Using case studies of tobacco restrictions and vaping bans, Dr. Johannes Knies from Newcastle University (UK) discusses how governments must grapple with their duties to let us live our lives the way we see fit, but also their duties to protect us from harms such as poor health.

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

This webinar examines the ethical considerations of prescribing GLP-1 receptor agonists to children and adolescents, exploring how to balance potential clinical benefits with concerns around safety, consent, equity, and long-term impact.



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Date: 15-17 June 2026

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Register Now!

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

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Mode: Online via Zoom
Date: 22 July 2026 - 12 August 2026 (Every Wednesday)
Time: 2.00 to 4.15pm (SGT)

Neuroethics Asia Conference 2026

Register Now!

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

Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law

Register Now!

Venue: Boorloo/Perth, Western Australia
Date: 29 November 2026 - 2 December 2026

CENTRES Clinical Ethics Conference 2027

Save the date!

Venue: Shaw Foundation Alumni House, Singapore
Date: 28 - 29 January 2027

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