

RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
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NEWS & ARTICLES

AI models tuned to S'pore patients' clinical data being built under new national drive

By Lee Li Ying // The Straits Times

Singapore is developing AI models trained on local clinical data to support diagnosis and treatment, with doctors retaining oversight and final decision-making.

Ketamine therapy at IMH offers hope to patients with hard-to-treat depression

By Joyce Teo // The Straits Times

IMH has introduced supervised intravenous ketamine therapy for patients with treatment-resistant depression, offering rapid symptom relief for some who have not responded to at least two conventional antidepressants.

Are Ozempic and other weight loss drugs also longevity drugs? Here's what early research suggests

By Channel News Asia

Early research suggests GLP-1 drugs like Ozempic may promote healthier aging by reducing risks of age-related diseases, but there is no conclusive evidence yet that they extend lifespan.

From cloning to gene-editing: the enduring legacy of Dolly the sheep

By Nature

Dolly's brush with celebrity could hold lessons for current discussions about reproductive technologies.

A Fatal Reaction

By Brendan Borrell // Science

A cutting-edge gene-editing trial in China went disastrously wrong. A family wants accountability.

PUBLICATIONS

Beyond fixed categories: dynamic vulnerability and context-sensitive inclusion in the revised Declaration of Helsinki

By Florencia Luna // JME Practical Bioethics

The revised Declaration of Helsinki adopts a more nuanced, context-specific concept of vulnerability, aligning more closely with CIOMS to improve ethical research inclusion and protections.

Global Bioethics Bulletin: dispatches on access to abortion

By Shizuko Takahashi, Gabriela Arguedas Ramírez, Hossein Dabbagh, Brian D. Earp, Ehsan Shamsi Gooshki, Yonghui Ma, Ignacio Mastroleo, Joona Räsänen, Keisha Ray, Sabine Salloch, Natalie Tegama // JME Practical Bioethics

This bulletin examines who controls abortion access in practice, highlighting how legal, institutional and social barriers create ethical dilemmas and limit access even where abortion is legally permitted.

Anticipatory antibiotics as preventive medicine: the ethics of proactive clinical trials

By Aashay Mardikar // JME Practical Bioethics

This paper argues that, when antibiotic resistance is foreseeable, ethically designed anticipatory clinical trials should begin before treatment failure to preserve future treatment effectiveness while protecting current participants.

Stakeholder perspectives regarding single participant research in oncology

By Sarah Heynemann, Wendy Lipworth, Sue-Anne McLachlan, Jennifer Philip, Tom John, Ian Kerridge // Research Ethics

This qualitative study found that expanding use of oncology N-of-1 trials raises unique ethical challenges around equitable access, informed consent, risk assessment, and oversight, requiring tailored governance approaches.

Drawing lines: how the public defines “Serious” genetic conditions for reproductive testing

By Shizuko Takahashi, Rie Iizuka, Serene Ong, Tianxiang Lan & Tsutomu Sawai // European Journal of Human Genetics

A survey of Japanese adults found broader support for PGT-M than current policy allows, highlighting gaps between public views, regulation, and concerns about eugenic selection in reproductive genetics.

BLOG POSTS

They Volunteered to Get Hepatitis

By Barron H. Lerner // Hastings Bioethics Forum

A Hastings Center essay examines WWII hepatitis challenge studies, exploring how altruistic volunteers, informed consent, and evolving ethical safeguards shaped debates over human infection research.

Off Target: Reporting on Human Embryo Gene Editing

By Emily Packard Dawson and Lainie Friedman Ross // Hastings Bioethics Forum

The article argues that media coverage of preprint research overstated the safety of human embryo gene editing, risking premature normalization of a technology with significant ethical and societal concerns.

VIDEOS & PODCAST

The Hidden Side of Birth: Injury, Trauma, and PTSD with Angela Ballantyne

By Hosts: Julian Savulescu, James Edgar Lim and Sinead Prince // CBME & U Podcast

Professor Angela Ballantyne (University of Otago) explores the prevalence of birth trauma, its lasting impacts, and why such a common experience remains largely hidden from public discussion.

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Mode: Online via Zoom

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Time: 2.00 to 4.15pm (SGT)

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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

Register Now!

Venue: Shaw Foundation Alumni House, Singapore

Date: 28 - 29 January 2027

Singapore Research Ethics Conference 2027

Save the date!

Venue: One Farrer Hotel, Singapore

Date: 23 - 24 March 2027

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