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NEWS

The Lancet changes editorial policy after hydroxychloroquine Covid study retraction - Melissa Davies // The Guardian
Lancet creates new requirements for publication of research studies.

COVID-vaccine results are on the way — and scientists' concerns are growing - Smriti Mallapaty & Heidi Ledford // Nature
Researchers' concerns include safety and transparency, the role of politics and vaccine goals and efficacy in the development of Covid-19 vaccines.

Vaccine Makers Keep Safety Details Quiet, Alarming Scientists - Katie Thomas // New York Times
There is a growing effort to persuade vaccine developers to open up about details in their studies.

Moderna and Pfizer Reveal Secret Blueprints for Coronavirus Vaccine Trials - Denise Grady and Katie Thomas // New York Times
These pharmaceutical companies have released details of their studies in order to increase transparency and evaluation by other scientists.

UK Covid-19 vaccine trial set to infect healthy volunteers with virus - Amy Walker and Sarah Boseley // The Guardian
Human challenge trials are set to begin in January in the UK.

Desperate measures in desperate times: Ethical problems in search for Covid-19 vaccine - Chong Siow Ann // Straits Times
Ethical problems with challenge studies for a Covid-19 vaccine.

Here come the tortoises: In the race for a Covid-19 vaccine, slow starters could still win out - Helen Braswell // Stat News
Speed is not the only parameter for success in developing a Covid-19 vaccine.

PUBLICATIONS

Big Data, Biomedical Research, and Ethics Review: New Challenges for IRBs - Agata Ferretti, Marcello Ienca, Samia Hurst, Effy Vayena // Ethics & Human Research
How IRBs can meet the demands of the new technology and methods of big data.

Pox Parties for Grannies? Chickenpox, Exogenous Boosting, and Harmful Injustices - Heidi Malm, Mark Christopher Navin // American Journal of Bioethics
Preventing children from receiving Varicella Vaccines to protect older people from shingles is unethical.

Person-Oriented Research Ethics to Address the Needs of Participants on the Autism Spectrum - M. Ariel Cascio, Jonathan A. Weiss, Eric Racine // Ethics & Human Research
Facilitating the inclusion of people with autism in research trials.

BLOGS

Volunteering for a Covid Vaccine Trial: Fulfilling Hindu Obligations or Fostering Pharmaceutical Company Profits? - Deepak Sarma // Hastings Bioethics Forum
Enrolling in a vaccine trial may contribute to Moderna's profitability, but for this bioethicist it fulfills religious obligations to help others and save lives.

Coronavirus: Why I Support the World's First COVID Vaccine Challenge Trial - Dominic Wilkinson // Practical Ethics
Because of the massive harm caused by the pandemic, challenge trials can save thousands of lives and facilitate a quicker development of a safe and effective vaccine.

Heritable human genome editing: the National Academies/Royal Society report - Peter Mills // Nuffield Ethics Blog
The author evaluates claims in the HHGE report regarding compelling needs and preferences of parents in reproductive genomic editing.

VIDEOS & PODCASTS

Who Should be vaccinated First? - Alberto Giubilini // Practical Ethics
Prioritizing children to receive Covid-19 vaccines first will protect other vulnerable groups as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Future of Clinical Trials - October 8, 2020
Robert Califf, head of clinical policy and strategy for Verily and Google Health
How new technologies might change research.

**On Pandemics, Vaccines, Age, and Global Justice:
A Conversation with Henry Richardson and Nancy Jecker - October 9, 2020**
Comparative approaches to just vaccine distribution.

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