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NEWS

Pregnant women get conflicting advice on COVID-19 vaccines - Apoorva Mandavilli and Roni Caryn Rabin // The New York Times

Overprotective and conservative approaches excluding pregnant women from vaccine trials have resulted in conflicting guidance and increased risk of harm.

Is it OK to enrol in a COVID-19 vaccine trial if I might drop out? - Kwame Anthony Appiah // The New York Times

It is unethical to enrol in a trial when the intention to not comply with the requirements has already been formed.

Grave ethical allegations hound India's homegrown COVID-19 vaccine as it prepares for rollout - Manavi Kapur // Quartz India

Expedited rollout of the vaccine has been commenced despite issues with informed consent, non-reporting of serious adverse events, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

Perspectives of Singaporean biomedical researchers and research support staff on actual and ideal IRB review functions and characteristics: A quantitative analysis - Markus Labude, Liang Shen, Yujia Zhu, et al. // PLoS ONE

This study evaluates perceptions within the Singaporean research community, regarding actual and ideal IRB review processes, functions and characteristics.

Informed consent: What must be disclosed and what must be understood? - Joseph Millum and Danielle Bromwich // The American Journal of Bioethics

The authors present disclosure and understanding as two distinct requirements of valid informed consent in clinical research, with differing content and standards.

An alarming retraction rate for scientific publications on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - Nicole Shu Ling Yeo-Teh and Bor Luen Tang // Accountability in Research

Exceptionally high publication rates on the topic coincide with a high retraction record, thus necessitating improved standards of research and peer review.

Health data research on sudden cardiac arrest: perspectives of survivors and their next-of-kin - Marieke A.R. Bak, Rens Veeken, Marieke T. Blom, et al. // BMC Medical Ethics

Qualitative interviews with sudden cardiac arrest survivors' perceptions on donation of data for research reveal the importance of trust in medicine.

Back to WHAT? The role of research ethics in pandemic times - Jan Helge Solbakk, Heidi Beate Bentzen, Søren Holm, et al. // Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy

A review of perspectives on health-related research ethics during the present crisis, particularly in relation to COVID-19 human challenge studies.

- **COVID-19 and the ethics of human challenge trials** - Bert Gordijn and Henk ten Have // Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy
The authors remain unconvinced by generic claims that all human challenge studies categorically infringe upon specific norms of research ethics.

VIDEOS & PODCASTS

Hot Topics in Research Ethics: "Adapting the Monitored Emergency Use of Unregistered and Investigational Interventions (MEURI) to a high income country setting" - Dr. Voo Teck Chuan // John Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics

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