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NEWS

Recruiting women for cardiovascular research is harder, study finds - Natalie Grover // The Guardian
Higher perceived risk of harm and other barriers to access skew gender balance in clinical trial participation.

Genetics papers from China face ethical scrutiny - Dennis Normille // Science Magazine
Investigations launched into unethical handling and abuse of DNA databases and genetic data from ethnic minorities facing state violence.

Health researchers report funder pressure to suppress results - Clare Watson // Nature
Public health research increasingly affected by suppression of results and political manipulation by funders, leading to skewed or biased outcomes and delays in evidence-based policy making.

Critics say a childhood asthma study unethically withheld care—and see a troubling trend - Charles Piller // Science Magazine
Ethical violations in Vit-D-Kids trial reflects a growing number of studies inappropriately rejecting usual care for control groups.

WHO guidelines on human genome editing: why countries need to follow them - Sheetal Soni // The Conversation
WHO's recommendations on standards for human genome editing, backed by ethical values and fair and equitable norms, can fill the regulatory gap.

Controversy flares over informing research subjects - Meredith Wadman // Science Magazine
More research required into ethically informed ways of handling and returning secondary findings beyond the opt-in/out approach.

PUBLICATIONS

Effectiveness of data auditing as a tool to reinforce good research data management (RDM) practice: a Singapore study - Hui Xing Lau, Ser Lin Celine Lee and Yusuf Ali // BMC Medical Ethics
Survey suggests data auditing can potentially improve good research data management, compliance and reception amongst researchers and investigators.

Ethics of genetic research on same-sex sexual behaviour - Julian Savulescu, Brian D. Earp and Udo Schuklenk // Nature Human Behaviour
Studies attempting to explain same-sex sexual behaviour are ripe for societal abuse and can fuel systemic oppression.

Philosophers in research ethics committees—what do they think they're doing? An empirical-ethical analysis - Charlotte Gauckler // Medicine, Healthcare and Philosophy
How much do philosopher-ethicists think they can contribute to research ethics committees?

Systematic review of research focused on pregnant and postpartum women living with HIV: A relational ethics perspective - Alison Z. Weber, Abigail Harrison, and Jennifer A. Pellowski // Bioethics
Calls for a relational approach to enable research on health outcomes for pregnant and post-partum women with HIV, rather than focussing solely on outcomes for the children.

Non-static framework for understanding adaptive designs: an ethical justification in paediatric trials - Michael O.S. Afolabi and Lauren E. Kelly // Journal of Medical Ethics
The authors argue that paediatric adaptive designs are ethically justifiable when appropriately designed and implemented under adequate oversight, in order to meet the special needs for safe and efficacious drugs.

The social licence for data-intensive health research: towards co-creation, public value and trust - Sam H.A. Muller, Shona Kalkman, Ghislaine J.M.W. van Thiel, et al. // BMC Medical Ethics
Societal permission for ethical governance, over and above formal regulatory channels, could influence public trust and sustainable practices in Big-Data driven health research.

BLOGS

Are the Unvaccinated Unwittingly Enrolled into a Human Challenge Trial? - Rafael Escandon // JME Blog
Analyses of recent trends in vaccine coverage depict a "real-world", unmonitored human challenge trial.

Fear of Doing Too Much Too Soon or Too Little Too Late: Research on Covid-19 - Annie Friedrich // Hastings Bioethics Forum
Balancing tensions between conflicting narratives in the progress of Covid-related clinical research may well improve its scientific and ethical quality.

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