



First Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts

23rd FERCAP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

A hybrid conference with face to face and online participation

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Hosted by

Universiti Malaya Medical Centre – Medical Research Ethics Committee

In collaboration with: UM Research Ethics Committee (UMREC), UMMC Clinical Investigation Centre (CIC), UM Medical Humanities & Ethics Unit (MedHEU), UM Faculty of Dentistry Medical Ethics Committee (FDMEC)

Theme: Ethical Research Practices Related to Innovative Research Challenges and Opportunities

We live in an era of evidence-based policy and practice that relies on scientific reasoning capable of gathering useful scientific information that should be integrated with a comprehensive understanding of consumer/ patient values and social needs. Research is important to generate new knowledge and insights that could improve people's health and welfare. The exponential increase in knowledge has created a demand for knowledge-based systems that make use of innovative technology like artificial intelligence and novel approaches to enable wider use and popularization. All these knowledge and innovation will prove to be a boon or a bane depending on how they are utilized to promote the quality of life of the population. Ethics becomes crucial to ensure that the benefits of new knowledge and novel technology accrue to social good and amelioration.

Call for Abstract Submission

Abstracts may take the form of state of the art perspectives, opinions, insights, practices, researches about significant issues and current concerns and ethical challenges.

***Presentation abstracts** (approximately 300-500 words) may be submitted to cristina.torres@yahoo.com on or before July 31, 2023 on any of the suggested/ related topics below:

- Policies, regulations, guidelines and practices related to innovative scientific approaches and related ethical issues
 - Good Clinical Practice
 - Responsible Conduct of Research
 - Good Laboratory Practice

- Good Publication Practice
- Collaboration and networking for ethical use of technology
- Innovative global initiatives (e.g. WHO Global Benchmarking Tools, Pandemic Treaty, Pandemic Ethics, etc.)
- New concepts, paradigms, insights, new applications of bioethics principles involving human participants in research
- Ethical and scientific challenges and approaches involved in pharmaceutical interventions.
 - New approaches in drug development
 - Diagnostic tool development
 - Vaccine development (new types of vaccines)
 - Development of medical device (e.g. ASEAN harmonized regulations)
 - New application of traditional/ complementary medicine
 - Gene editing, genetic research, genetic counseling
 - Use of artificial intelligence chatbots in health care
 - Ethical issues in Telemedicine
 - Personalized medicine, stem cell, etc.
 - Decentralization of clinical trials
 - Patient-centric clinical trials
- Ethical and scientific challenges in public health/ community-based researches
 - Public health behavioral interventions
 - Novel approaches in mental health (e.g. placebo vs. nocebo)
 - Patient safety during clinical trials
 - Evidence based health education and promotion
 - Addressing conspiracy theories and misinformation
 - Social influencers and social media
 - Data sharing and publication
 - Methods of data analytics
- Innovative approaches in research ethics and education
 - Improving single/ joint review of multi-country clinical trials
 - Reliance/ memorandum of understanding/ agreements among RECs/ IRBs
 - Confidentiality protection during surveillance and maintenance of patient registry
 - Protection of vulnerable populations
 - Community engagement
 - Risk/ benefit assessment
 - Capacity building of lay persons/ community representatives
 - Capacity building of accreditors
 - Use of primary reviewers
 - Electronic IRBs

- Quality assurance in ethics review
- Various types of informed consent (individual vs. administrative consent, oral consent, implied consent, waivers, broad consent, electronic informed consent, etc.)
- Ethical challenges in the use of placebo
- Post-trial arrangements
- Innovative topics and approaches in health/ ethics education

Useful links for more information and registration -

Local participants: <https://www.ummc-mrec.org/fercap>

International participants: <https://www.sidcer-fercap.org>