



SIDCER
Globalizing Ethics for Health Research



Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts

24th FERCAP International CONFERENCE

A hybrid conference with face-to-face and online participation

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Nepal Health Research Council

Theme: Maximizing Benefits through Responsible Conduct of Research

Research is essential to generate innovative knowledge and evidence-based interventions to improve people's lives. The exponential increase in scientific knowledge has created a demand for effective systems that make use of innovative technology and novel approaches to enable wider use and popularization. Research as a social activity should result in better health and better quality of life for its target beneficiaries and the general population. Research with human participants should be conducted responsibly with proper attribution of duties and moral obligations among various stakeholders including the sponsor, the investigator, the research ethics committee, the institution, regulators, and public health authorities.

Call for Abstract Submission

***Presentation abstracts** (approximately 300-500 words) may be submitted to cristina.torres@yahoo.com on or before July 31, 2024, on any of the suggested topics below:

- Policies, regulations, guidelines, and practices related to responsible conduct of research
 - Human research protection programs
 - Promoting scientific soundness and research integrity
 - Codes of Conduct in Research
- Developing ethical guidelines
 - Responsible conduct of social science research
 - Pandemic ethics
 - Updates in international and national guidelines
- Maximizing benefits in community-based research
 - Public health behavioral interventions
 - Novel approaches in mental health practice and research
 - Patient safety during clinical trials
 - Evidence-based health education and promotion

- Addressing conspiracy theories and misinformation
- Social influencers and social media for better health
- Data sharing and publication
- Collaboration and networking for ethical use of technology
- Promoting ethical conduct in biomedical and behavioral research
 - Diagnostic tool development
 - Vaccine development
 - Development of medical device
 - New application of traditional/ complementary medicine
 - Gene editing, genetic research, genetic counseling
 - Use of artificial intelligence chatbots in healthcare
 - Personalized medicine, stem cells, etc.
 - Decentralized clinical trials
 - Good patient registry research
 - Patient-centric clinical trials
 - Elements of good implementation research
 - Good practice in real-world data research
 - Climate change and Health
- Promoting RCR educational programs
 - Fostering health literacy
 - Role of academic advisers
 - Institutional support for RCR
 - Health education and promotion
- Good research management of RECs
 - REC self-audit mechanisms
 - Survey feedback from REC clientele
 - Confidentiality protection of private and sensitive data
 - Protection of vulnerable populations
 - Conflict of interest mechanisms
 - Risk/ benefit assessment
 - Quality assurance in ethics review
 - innovative consent and assent forms
 - Good meeting management practice
 - Elements of good scientific review
 - Good post-approval review
 - Good documentation and archiving
 - Effective communication practice
 - Good meeting dynamics
 - Single and joint review of multicenter protocols
 - Innovative practices in ethics review