



Master of Research Ethics Studies (MORES)
CALL FOR CASES: Casebook on Health Research Ethics in Southeast Asia

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Introduction:

The University of Malaya Faculty of Medicine (Malaysia) and Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics (USA) are seeking case submissions from Southeast Asia for potential publication in a research ethics e-casebook. Cases that offer rich narratives illustrating challenges related to health research ethics and oversight faced by health researchers, research participants, institutions, sponsors, policymakers, and members of institutional review boards/research ethics committees are being solicited. The casebook, which will be published electronically as an open-access resource, is being developed to foster knowledge and understanding of regionally-relevant health research ethics issues, with a goal of promoting awareness and advancing capacity to address emerging and longstanding challenges.

Possible case themes include, but are not limited to research involving:

- Animals
- Biobanking
- Children
- Digital health
- Disease outbreaks and pandemics
- Emerging science and technology
- Genomics
- HIV infection
- Impaired decision-making capacity
- Indigenous populations and communities
- International collaboration
- Prison/carceral settings
- Refugee and migrant populations
- Stigmatizing diseases and conditions
- Substance use

Submissions that highlight aspects of local research ethics policy, oversight and review systems are also encouraged.

Submission guidelines for authors

The deadline for submissions is 30 September 2021

Case study submissions should:

- Describe a real-life situation in which ethics challenges were encountered by the author(s) in carrying out or overseeing health research (please refer to the sample provided as an example)
- Include relevant considerations related to specific country concerns and issues (e.g., cultural, economic, political, etc)
- Focus on ethical issues (rather than general practical concerns) involving the conduct and/or review of health-related research
- Include a title and list of main ethical issue(s) or thematic area(s) evoked by the case
- Be within 300-1000 words in length in English and not use unexplained acronyms
- Include 2-4 questions to stimulate consideration of the ethical issues raised in the case
- Exclude all identifiable information such as names of individuals or institutions
- Include references (where applicable)

All queries and submissions should be sent to MOHRE Administrator (mohre@um.edu.my) with the subject line 'MOHRE Casebook'. Receipt of submissions will be acknowledged, and feedback will be provided after initial editorial review.

Casebook structure and timeline:

The format of the casebook will be similar to the WHO Casebook on Ethical Issues in International Health Research (<https://www.who.int/ethics/publications/9789241547727/en/>). However, if you are interested in preparing a case submission in a format other than written text (e.g., audio, video or pictorial cases) please contact us to discuss this option further. We welcome creativity in the modes of case delivery.

Publication details will be advised once finalized.

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Names and affiliations of all case authors/co-authors will be listed on the website that will host the casebook.

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