



SIDCER
Globalizing Ethics for Health Research



The Government of Nepal

24th FERCAP International CONFERENCE

A hybrid conference with face to face and online participation

November 24-27, 2024

**Hosted by Nepal Health Research Council
Everest Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal**

Theme: Maximizing Benefits through Responsible Conduct of Research

Conference Schedule

November 24, 2024 Sunday	A. Pre-Conference Training (13:00 – 17:00) Improving Post Approval Procedures of Research Ethics Committees B. FERCAP Steering Committee Meeting (17:30 – 20:00)
November 25 - 26, 2024 Monday – Tuesday	Conference Proper
November 27, 2024 Wednesday	FERCAP Recognition Program

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 of 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 that include the sponsor, the investigator, the research ethics committee, the institution, regulators and public health authorities.

PRE - CONFERENCE AGENDA
Improving Post Approval Procedures of Research Ethics Committees

Sunday, November 24, 2022 (13:00 – 17:00)

Research Ethics Committees (RECs) are mandated to review and approve different types of protocols before they are implemented. Most RECs have developed standard assessment forms and procedures to ensure comprehensive review of the social value, scientific soundness and ethical compliance of research protocols. At the same time, RECs are tasked to monitor compliance with international and national guidelines during the implementation phase. While REC members have developed appropriate initial review competencies, proper monitoring of the implementation of approved protocols remains a challenge. The objective of this FERCAP training is to identify and share the best REC monitoring practices during the post approval phase.

Topics to be covered

REC Review of Post Approval Procedures

- Amendments
- Progress Report
- Final Report
- Protocol Deviation and Violation
- Serious Adverse Event/ Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction/ Social Harm
 - Site Visit
- Getting Feedback from Participants/ Investigators/ General Public

CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 25, 2024

9:00 – 10:00 Nepal Time	Opening Ceremony	
	Session Chair	Kenji Hirayama
	Introduction of Country Delegates	Kenji Hirayama FERCAP Chair
	Welcome Remarks	Nepal Health Research Council Dr. Pramod
	KEYNOTE Address	
	Promoting Responsible Conduct of Scientific Research	Sharad Raj Onta
	Promoting Responsible Conduct of Research through Global Networks	Mihai Mihut WHO-TDR, Geneva, Switzerland

10:00-10:15	Session Break	
	Plenary Session	
10:15-12:30	Addressing Ethical Challenges in Health Research and Innovation	
Session 1	Session Chairs:	Juntra Laothavorn SIDCER-FERCAP
	Ethical Challenges and Opportunities of Decentralized Clinical Trials	Jeremy Sugarman Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, USA
	Ethical Considerations in Climate Change and Neglected Tropical Disease Research	Vicente Belizario & Christian Cacatian University of the Philippines Manila
	Developing a Framework to Prioritize Rare Inherited Disease in LMICs	Teguh Haryo Sasongko, IMU University, Malaysia & Joseph Millum University of St. Andrews, UK
	Advancing Clinical Trials in Nepal: Overcoming Challenges and Implementing Solutions	Januka Khatri <i>et al.</i> Oxford University Clinical Research Unit, Nepal
	Leadership of the Nepal Health Research Council in Health Ethics Governance	Gehanath Baral, Kathmandu University
	Establishing Regional Collaborative Partnerships among Academic Research Organizations	Kouji Wada & Kenji Hirayama. Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development

12:30- 13:30	Lunchbreak		
13:30-15:00	Parallel Sessions		
Session 2	Ethics Review of Social Science Research	Educating Research Stakeholders	Use of Technology in Ethics Review and Clinical Research
	Breakout Rm. 1	Breakout Rm. 2	Breakout Rm. 3
	Parallel Session 2A	Parallel Session 2B	Parallel Session 2C
	Panel Discussion: FERCAP Guidelines on the Ethics Review of Social Science Research Cristina E. Torres FERCAP Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Context Specific Casebook for Southeast Asian Bioethics Education Nishakanthi Gopalan & Joseph Ali, Universiti Malaya & Johns Hopkins University Conducting Educational Activities among Research Stakeholders 	Panel Discussion: Comparing Electronic IRB Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NTUH eREC System Yi Yu Chen National Taiwan University Development of an Online Submission System Vinita Agrawal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of a Standard Ethics Assessment Form 		

	<p>B-Jay Mosquera Department of Health Philippines</p> <p>Case Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Ethics Siti Hazlina, USM Malaysia 	<p>Peeraya Chaowalitwong <i>et al</i> Siriraj Hospital Thailand</p>	<p>Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute India</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Calcium and Vitamin D among Premenopausal vs. Menopausal Women Arun Dhungana <i>et al</i> Kathmandu Medical College, Nepal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Team Based Learning in Clinical Research Education Hui Chen Lee, Cathay General Hospital, Taiwan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectiveness of Electronic Submission System Patompong Khaw-on Chiangmai University Thailand
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Research Rhodalyn Wani-Obias University of the Philippines, Diliman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conducting Public Health Ethics Training among Local Policy Makers Myra Cagdag, Department of Health, Philippines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Satisfaction with Electronic Submission Waraya Krisnoi Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism Study Machhindra Lamichhane, Tribhuvan University Nepal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Trial Training for the Research Teams Tsui Wen Hsu <i>et al</i> Cathay General Hospital, Taiwan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using AI for Rapid Classification • Use of a Comprehensive Cloud Based Drug Tracking System Chien Liang Ho National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan
15:30- 15:45	Session Break		
15:45-17:00	Parallel Sessions		
Session 3	Strengthening Ethical and Frameworks Breakout Rm. 1	Ethical Recruitment of Research Volunteers	Ethical Issues in Public Health Research
		Breakout Rm. 2	Breakout Rm. 3
	Parallel Session 3A	Parallel Session 3B	Parallel Session 3C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building in Clinical Trial Frameworks in Asia and Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment Strategies in Prison Research Mohd Jamil Universiti Malaya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement in Promoting Rational Antimicrobial Use

	Rosemarie Bernabe University of Oslo, Norway	Malaysia	Nisha Jha <i>et al.</i> Laliput District, Nepal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Pandemic Post-trial Access Responses Pandemic Ethics Partners from Asia and Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Motivates Volunteering in Interventional Trials KV Ganpathy <i>et al</i> Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai, India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying Hotspots in Visceral Leishmaniasis Endemic Areas Anand Ballabh Joshi Public Health and Infectious Disease Research Center, Kathmandu, Nepal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Ethics Capacity-Building in Uganda and Ethiopia AccessAfrica2 Partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of Community Recruiters in Vaccine Clinical Trials Ralph Elvi Villalobos, Philippine General Hospital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Thematic Analysis of TB-DOTS Healthcare Delivery Alexandra Bayola <i>et al</i> University of Sto. Tomas, Philippines
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility of QuinteT Recruitment Intervention to Optimize Informed Consent Nithya Gogtay <i>et al</i> Seth GS Medical College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevalence of Vitamin B12 on Diabetic Patients on Metformin Shashi Sharma Rijal <i>et al</i>, Purbanchal University, Nepal
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment in Community Intervention Studies Patricia M. Khu <i>et al</i> Cardinal Santos Medical Center Philippines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement in Maternal and Infant Microbiome Study Arya Gautam, Sabitri Sciences, Nepal
17:30- 19:30	Cultural Presentation and Cocktails		

Day 2: November 26, 2024

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09:00-10:30 Session 4	Parallel Sessions		
	Promoting Trust in Science	Vulnerability, Informed Consent and Assent Issues	Ethical Issues in Biomedical Research
	Breakout Rm. 1	Breakout Rm. 2	Breakout Rm. 3
	Parallel Session 4A	Parallel Session 4B	Parallel Session 4C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Science as a Vehicle for Benefit sharing • Research Integrity to Promote Trust in Science Rosemarie Bernabe et al, University of Oslo Norway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing Research Involving Vulnerable Participants Krishna Suvarnabhumi, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Retrospective Study of the Profile of Leprosy Patients Suveksha Shaurya Shah, Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Trust between Science Actors and Society Panagiotis Kavouras, Greece 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting Clinical Trials in Children Ram Hari Chapagain <i>et al</i>, Kanthi Children’s Hospital, Nepal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation of Infectious Vaginitis and UTI Yamini Chhetri Tribhuvan University Nepal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewards of Trust as Key Players in the Research Ecosystem Lisa Haberlein EUREC, Germany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Assent Forms for Children and Minors Charlotte Jane Joseph Ministry of Health, Malaysia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain Management of Cancer Patients Mijala Bajracharya Manmohan Memorial Institute of Health Sciences, Nepal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perspectives from the European Networks of RECs Dirk Lanzerath EUREC, Germany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimizing Informed Consent in Clinical Trials Nithya J Gogtay <i>et al</i> Seth GS Medical Center, India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribing Patterns and Adherence in Glaucoma Medication Avil Gautam <i>et al</i> Eye Care Foundation Nepal
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Vulnerability during Digital Transformation Florabelle Taguiling University of the Philippines Diliman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fasting vs. Carbohydrate Loading to Prepare for Femur Fracture Surgery Narendra Kumar Chaudary <i>et al</i> Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital

10:30-11:00	Session Break		
11:00-12:30 Session 5	Parallel Sessions		
	Navigating the Complexities of Implementation Research in Nepal Breakout Rm. 1	Evolution of Bioethics and Its Application to Human Research Breakout Rm. 2	Ethical Issues in Special Topics in Health Research Breakout Rm. 3
	Parallel Session 5A	Parallel Session 5B	Parallel Session 5C
	Panel Discussion: Ethical Complexities in Implementation Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolving Landscape of Research Ethics Gretchen Geneblaza Velarde <i>et al</i> University of the Philippines Diliman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Systematic Literature Review of Pro-Environmental Behavior Richan Shresta <i>et al</i> Kathmandu University Nepal
	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archana Shrestha, Kathmandu University School of Medical Sciences Megha Raj Banjara, Central Department of Microbiology, Tribhuvan University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meta-ethical Perspectives in Health Research Sachin Ghimere Tribhuvan University Nepal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical Issues in Forensic Genetic Testing Ma. Corazon de Ungria University of the Philippines Diliman
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabitri Sapkota, Executive Director Diptesh Aryal Nepal Intensive Care Research Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical Oversight of Various Disciplines Ma. Frances Mallari University of the Philippines Diliman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genotype Characterization in Hepatitis C Virus in Patients Hari Prasad Kattel Tribhuvan University Nepal
	Session outcome: Actionable strategies for managing ethical issues in IR in LMICs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digitization of Data as a Path to Responsible Conduct of Research Jyoti U. Devkota Kathmandu University Nepal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethics Review of Bioequivalence Studies Rita S. Sitorus Universitas Indonesia
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decoding Ethics of Authorship. Salik Ansan <i>et al.</i> Bhopal Hub, India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neonatal Sepsis and Development Outcomes Swechhya Vaidya Paropkar Maternity and Women's Hospital

			Nepal
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break and Poster Viewing		
13:30-15:00 Session 6	Monitoring Protocol Implementation Breakout Rm. 1	Perspectives of Ethics in the Health Sector Breakout Rm. 2	Improving REC Performance Breakout Rm. 3
	Parallel Session 6A	Parallel Session 6B	Parallel Session 6C
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible Under-reporting of Protocol Deviations and Violation Nurain Mohd Noor <i>et al</i>, Ministry of Health Malaysia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical Leadership in Public Health Carl Abelardo T. Antonio, University of the Philippines Manila 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Need for Bioethics Training for Community Volunteers and Researchers Ashok Kumar Mandal <i>et al</i>, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and Implementation of a Monitoring Tool Robyna Irshad Khan. Aga Khan University Pakistan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Bibliometric Analysis of Sick Building Syndrome Upama Ghimere <i>et al</i> Southeast University Nanjing, China 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the Role of Lay Members Numtip Smerchuar Phayao University Thailand
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protocol Deviations in Regulatory Clinical Trials Chaudhari VL <i>et al</i>. Seth GS Medical College, India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethics Reporting in Publication Journals Jay A. Yacat <i>et al</i> University of the Philippines Diliman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing Common issues of Researchers during Protocol Development Eti Nurwening Sholikhah <i>et al</i> Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Retrospective Review of Protocol Non-Compliance Edwin Ruamero, Jr. University of the Philippines Manila 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rethinking the Term 'Lay Person' Shamima Parvin Lasker <i>et al</i>. Bangladesh Bioethics Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving REC Communication with Research Stakeholders Kevin Martinez Department of Health Philippines
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value of REC Audit of Ongoing Studies Ami Fazlin <i>et al</i> Ministry of Health, Malaysia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Ethical Perspective of Research Fatigue Felishana Cherop MOI University, Kenya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical Issues in Reporting Research Results. Mohan Raj Sharma.

			Tribhuvan University Hospital, Nepal
Session 7	Plenary Session		
15:30-17:00	Ensuring Responsible Conduct of Research		
	Session Chairs:	FERCAP Steering Committee	
	Upholding Research Integrity through Responsible Conduct of Research	Asyraf Syahmi Mohd Noor, Ministry of Health, Indonesia	
	Ethical Consideration in a Community Vaccine Trial	Ashata Dahal, Oxford University Clinical Research Unit, Nepal	
	Addressing Ethical Issues in Machine Learning Applications	Juntra Laothavorn FERCAP-SIDCER, Thailand	
	Integrating the WHO Global Benchmarking Tool Elements with Responsible Conduct of Research	Cristina E. Torres FERCAP	
	Establishment of Regional Pipelines for Medicinal Products Against Pandemics	Kenji Hirayama FERCAP Kwanchanok Yimtae Mahidol University	
17:00-17:30	Closing Ceremony	Kenji Hirayama	
	Invitation to the 2025 FERCAP Conference	Faculties of Medicine, Mahidol University, Thailand	

FERCAP General Assembly: November 27, 2024 (9:00-12:00)	
Welcome Remarks	Kenji Hirayama FERCAP Chair
Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation	FERCAP Partners in Nepal
FERCAP Reports	Cristina Torres FERCAP Coordinator Kesara Na Banchang FERCAP Treasurer
Recognition Ceremony	Juntra Laothavorn SIDCER Coordinator
Accomplishment Awards	Juntra Laothavorn SIDCER Coordinator
Closing Remarks	Kenji Hirayama FERCAP Chair