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Designation:

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Abstract title:

3 Key words or phrases identifying the Public health ethics dilemmas:

Body of abstract: *(Please note – this should not exceed 150 words, and it should identify a problem related to public health ethics, either in research or practice. It should briefly state the problem and identify the potential moral/ethical dilemmas involved in the action.)*

Endorsement of head of the institution/head of department/guide for submission of case study:

Names and contact details of all authors:

Bionote of lead author/corresponding author: *(no more than 100 words, indicating qualifications and experience):*

Important Dates

**Deadline for submission of case studies:
10th March 2018**

**Notification of selection:
14th March 2018**

**Deadline for submission of slides of case studies:
22nd March 2018**

Venue

Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Medical College PO, Thiruvananthapuram

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Workshop for Public Health Ethics Case Studies



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Background

Public Health research exposes dilemmas in research that are slightly different from those of clinical research. This is because in public health, the focus of research is not an individual patient, but the population. Therefore the nature of dilemmas confronted in research impinge upon community identities, individual vs collective risks and benefits and power relations between gate keepers and actual participants.

Training in ethics of health research in general and public health research in particular has been confronted with a paucity of training materials that are specific to the Indian context. The tendency has been to use International case studies and these experiences do not resonate with the local contexts that researchers confront in their everyday practice.

The process of documenting research does not allow for the documenting of the nitty-gritty of moral dilemmas confronted and resolved in the process of public health research. For this reason, there is a need to make a special effort to provide public health researchers a platform for enumerating the moral dilemmas in research and documenting them to build a repository of good ethical practice in public health research.



The proposed workshop:

This workshop proposes to bring together 7-8 experienced public health researchers/ethicists and 20 public health student/practitioners to two day workshop in March 2018.

The panel of external experts include:

- **Prof. Angus Dawson,**
Professor of Bioethics & Director of Sydney Health Ethics, University of Sydney and Editor, Public Health Ethics
- **Dr. Amar Jesani,**
Editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics
- **Dr. Vijayaprasad Gopichandran,**
Assistant Professor, ESIC Medical College, Chennai and working editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics
- **Dr. Rakhi Ghoshal,**
Independent Researcher and working editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics

Schedule:

The workshop is a one and a half day intensive skill building exercise. It will consist of an introduction to the praxis of public health ethics and the relevance of case studies to it. It will be followed by participative exercises in skill building to develop case studies.

Method of identifying participants:

These participants will be identified by running a call asking for submission on a public health research ethics dilemma they confronted and resolved in the course of their research. Experts will select 20 participants for the workshop.

The expected outcome:

The 20 participants will be asked to submit their case studies for review and from among them the five best will be considered for publication in the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, an indexed, peer reviewed journal published by the Forum for Medical Ethics, Mumbai.

The institutional expertise:

The Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram and the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics will facilitate the workshop. The AMCHSS, SCTIMST has been training Masters' in Public Health for 20 years now and it is one of the few institutions within the country that offers mandatory courses in research ethics and public health ethics as part of the training.

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