The 11\textsuperscript{th} Nagasaki International Course on Research Ethics

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Course description

This international course is an overview of research ethics, focusing on the ethics of health research. This course will cover the following: a) historical background, principles, and guidelines of research ethics; b) structure, roles, and functions of research ethics committees; c) ethical considerations in health research such as those related to informed consent, conflict of interest, and risk and benefit evaluation; and d) ethical issues and methodologies in different health research fields (genetics research, epidemiological and social research, pediatric research; and traditional medicine research) in the context of national, regional, and international collaborative research.

Course objectives

The general objectives of this course are: a) demonstrate a common understanding of the ethical principles in health research and b) utilize the ethical principles in reviewing different considerations and issues related to various health research fields.

Course format

This course will to a large extent be organized as interactive learning where the students will work on a number of problem cases which illustrate the main points made in the lectures and presentations. It will be a three-day intensive course. English is a common language in the course, however, the lecturers and mentors are able to communicate in other 5 languages, i.e. Japanese, Filipino, Thai, Chinese, and Korean. Comprehensive background materials will be provided to the participants.
Course participants

The target participants for this course are postgraduate students and researchers in biomedical sciences (including health social sciences) and members of research ethics committees.

Course organizers

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Prof. Dr. Hitoshi Sasaki
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Faculty

Lecturers: Greg Koski (Harvard University, USA), Eiji Uchida (Showa University), Kiichiro Tsutani (University of Tokyo), Cristina Torres (FERCAP-Philippines), Xiuqin Wang (FERCAP-China), Young-Mo Koo (FERCAP-South Korea), Nao Tsuchida (National Center for Child Health and Development), Hirokai Yanagawa (Tokushima University Hospital),
Other Mentors: Hiroshi Sato (Niigata University), Hanako Mihara (Abbott Japan Co., Ltd.)

Course venue

Pompe Hall in Sakamoto Campus, Nagasaki University

Course fee

Free to all participants (meals, accommodation, and travel are not included).

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Application

Please send your name, affiliation, e-mail address, accommodation arrangement by e-mail to Ms. Junko Hayashima and cc to Prof. Dr. Kenji Hirayama.

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Course outline

First Day
July 8 (Sunday)

08:45  Inaugural session
       Facilitators: Juntra Karbwang, Hitoshi Sasaki, Kenji Hirayama
       Introduction to the workshop
       Presentation of participants

09:15  Introduction to research ethics
       Greg Koski (Harvard University, USA)

10:00  Coffee/Tea break

10:30  Roles and functions of research ethics committees
       Eiji Uchida (Showa University, Japan)

11:00  Informed consent
       Cristina Torres (FERCAP-Philippines)

11:45  Case Study 1: Introduction

12:00  Lunch

13:00  Conflict of interest
       Young Mo Koo (FERCAP-South Korea)

13:30  Risks and benefits evaluation
       TBA

14:15  Coffee/Tea break

14:30  Case Study 1: Group discussion
       Facilitators: Greg Koski, Cristina Torres, Eiji Uchida, Young Mo Koo

15:30  Case Study 1: Reporting and Plenary discussion
       Moderators: Greg Koski, Cristina Torres

17:00  End of day one
Second Day
July 9 (Monday)

09:00  Ethical issues in pharmacogenomics research
       Kiichiro Tsutani (University of Tokyo, Japan)
09:45  Ethical issues in traditional medicine research
       Xiuqin Wang (FERCAP-China)
10:30  Coffee/Tea break
11:00  Ethical issues in pediatric research
       Nao Tsuchida (National Center for Child Health and Development, Japan)
11:45  Case Study 2: Introduction
12:00  Lunch
13:00  Ethical issues in epidemiological and social research
       Cristina Torres (FERCAP-Philippines)
14:00  Case Study 2: Group discussion
       Facilitators: Kiichiro Tsutani, Xiuqin Wang, Cristina Torres
15:00  Coffee/Tea break
15:30  Case Study 2: Reporting and Plenary discussion
       Moderators: Kiichiro Tsutani, Cristina Torres
17:00  End of day two

Third Day
July 10 (Tuesday)

09:00  Ethical issues in international health research:
       Study design, informed consent, level of care, post trial benefit
       Greg Koski (Harvard University, USA)
       Cristina Torres (FERCAP-Philippines)
10:30  Coffee/Tea break
10:30  Plenary discussion
       Moderators: Greg Koski, Cristina Torres
12:00  Presentation of certificates
       Juntra Karbwang, Kenji Hirayama

End of the course