



SIDCER
Globalizing Ethics for Health Research



International Course on Research Ethics

Thammasat University (Rangsit Campus)
Pathumthani, Thailand
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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, vulnerability, risk and benefit evaluation, research integrity and authorship, and publication; and d) ethical issues and methodologies in different health research fields (genetics research, epidemiological and social 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 four-day intensive course. Comprehensive background material will be provided to the students.

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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Course venue and accommodation

WHO-TDR Clinical Coordination and Training Center (CCTC),

1st Floor Academic Affairs Building (formerly Executive Office of Universiade, near SME)

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Course fees:

Foreign Participants:

600 USD (includes course materials, coffee/tea breaks, lunch, and accommodation in the university campus during the training period).

Thai Participants:

6,000 THB (includes course materials, coffee/tea breaks, and lunch during the training period) [discount is available for Thammasat University faculty and staff].

Course outline:

First Day

08:00 Registration of the participants

08:30 ***Welcome address***

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kammal Kumar Pawa

Dean, Chulabhorn International College of Medicine

08:45 ***Inaugural session: Course introduction and presentation of participants***

Mr. Arthur Navarro, Research Fellow, FERCAP

09:15 ***Introduction to research ethics***

Prof. Dr. Cristina Torres, Coordinator, FERCAP

10:00 Coffee/Tea break

10:30 ***Roles and functions of research ethics committees***

Prof. Dr. Cristina Torres

11:15 ***Vulnerability***

Prof. Dr. Cristina Torres

- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 ***Risks and benefits***
Prof. Dr. Cristina Torres
- 13:45 ***Conflict of interest***
Prof. Dr. Cristina Torres
- 14:30 Coffee/Tea break
- 15:00 ***Informed consent***
Prof. Dr. Juntra Karbwang-Laothavorn, Coordinator, SIDCER
- 15:45 ***Case Study 1: Group discussion, Reporting, and Plenary discussion***
- 17:00 End of day one

Second Day

- 09:00 ***Case Study 2: EC/IRB Visit and Plenary discussion***
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Waipoj Chanvimalueng, Chair, Faculty of Medicine No. 1 HEC, Thammasat University
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thipaporn Tharavanij, Secretary, Faculty of Medicine No. 1 HEC, Thammasat University
- 10:30 Coffee/Tea break
- 11:00 ***Ethical issues in genetic research and stored tissue samples***
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aphornpirom Ketupanya, Steering Committee Member, FERCAP
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 ***Ethical issues in traditional medicine research***
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sopit Thamaree, Member, Faculty of Medicine IRB, Chulalongkorn University
- 13:45 ***Ethical issues in epidemiological and social research***
Prof. Dr. Cristina Torres
- 14:30 Coffee/Tea break
- 15:00 ***Ethical issues in clinical trials***
Prof. Dr. Juntra Karbwang-Laothavorn
- 16:00 ***Ethical issues in international collaborative research***
Prof. Dr. Cristina Torres
- 17:00 End of day two

Third Day

- 09:00 ***Quality improvement in ethical review***
Prof. Dr. Juntra Karbwang-Laothavorn
- 10:00 Coffee/Tea break

10:30 ***Examination***

11:30 ***Closing session: Awarding of certificates and closing remarks***

12:00 End of the course/Lunch