



# **18<sup>th</sup> FERCAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**November 18-21, 2018**

**CHANG GUNG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

**Taoyuan, Taiwan**

## **Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts**

***Theme: Strengthening Scientific Innovation  
and Ethical Assessment of Health Research***

### **Conference Schedule**

<b>18 Nov. 2018 Sunday (13:00-17:00)</b>	<b>Pre-Conference Training: Ethics Review of Innovative Design</b>
<b>19-20 Nov. 2018 Monday-Tuesday</b>	<b>Conference Proper</b>
<b>21 Nov. 2018 Wednesday</b>	<b>FERCAP Recognition Program and General Assembly</b>

### **Conference Objectives**

- To highlight current trends and innovative approaches in health research
- To discuss the challenges in ethics review of innovative designs in health research
- To describe the role of research ethics committees in promoting good science and ethics in health research
- To describe the roles of various stakeholders in promoting good research ethics practices within the context of innovation and globalization
- To discuss the ethical assessment of big data health researches

## **Call for Abstract Submission**

\* **Presentation abstracts** (approximately 300 words) should be submitted to [atoynavarro@yahoo.com](mailto:atoynavarro@yahoo.com) and [cristina.torres@yahoo.com](mailto:cristina.torres@yahoo.com) on or before July 31, 2018 on any of the suggested topics below:

- International/national policies, regulations, guidelines, and practices related to ethical practices in the conduct of innovative designs in health research
- Ethical considerations regarding health databases and biobanks
- Data privacy vs. data sharing in health research
- Challenges and best practices in single/joint review of multicenter researches
- Improving quality of ethics review (assessment forms, reviewing SAEs, protocol violation, continuing review, site visits, etc.)
- Improving informed consent (individual vs. broad consent, electronic informed consent, etc.)
- Addressing ethical challenges in innovative design of various types of researches
  - Clinical research
  - Traditional and/or integrated medicine
  - Socio-behavioural research
  - Public health research (effectiveness studies)
  - Environmental research
  - Community directed interventions
- Best practices of research ethics committees in reviewing multi-country studies
- Ethical issues in drug/vaccine development during epidemic outbreaks
- Reviewing medical device
- Ethical issues in publication