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Warm greetings!

We are pleased to bring you this fortnightly digest from the Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) and the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* (IJME).

Newsletter Spotlight 1

[Misleading numbers, invisible people](#)

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DEATH AND DENIAL OF CARE IN INDIAN PRISONS

From intensive to palliative care: switching gears

The invisibility of the family caregiver

Doctors shedding tears at work

The farce of medical astrology

The *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* brings to you [the third issue of the year](#).

Around 2,000 “natural” deaths are reported in Indian prisons every year. How many of these resulted from denial of medical treatment? An editorial teases apart the opaque language of prison death statistics, to zoom in on the people behind these numbers, and the State’s responsibility for providing appropriate care. A second editorial notes that research on caregiving often misses the critical role played by unpaid and invisible family caregivers. A third questions Indian academia’s use of citation metrics developed for Western conditions.

Can doorstep delivery of health services overcome barriers to care? An analysis of the Tamil Nadu government’s progressive scheme for non-communicable diseases identifies its

limitations and suggests interventions to improve access.

Research ethics problems sometimes become evident only in the course of one's work. One researcher describes the challenges of fieldwork in infertility clinics, and another discusses informed consent during research with institutionalised children.

Two studies examine how ethics is internalised — one assessing what teachers feel about the new competency-based physiology curriculum, and the other looking at medical students' thoughts on their choice of profession during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Reflecting on their practice, a group of emergency medicine specialists discuss the integration of palliative care in emergency medicine. Other contributions include a doctor on the value of breaking down at work, an ayurvedic physician debunking the notion of “medical astrology”, and more.

Online First from *IJME*

Amini, K., Meshkini, S., Ramezanibadr, F. (2023). [Patients' preferences on breaking bad news: a cross-sectional study from Iran](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, June 17, 2023

Gopichandran. V., Subramaniam, S., Thiagesan, R. (2023). [Ethical issues in m-Health applications in community health work in India — a scoping review](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, June 9, 2023

Hannah, M., Abi-Jaoude, E. (2023). [Breaking free: Navigating antidepressant withdrawal](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, June 14, 2023

Announcement from the local and global peer community

Forthcoming conferences and webinar



Do you want to learn practical tips for organising and participating in designathons for health research?

Join this webinar for an overview on designathons to prepare for the participatory designathon at the 2023 STI & HIV World Congress

Unleashing the Power of Designathons in Health and Health Research

SIHI TALKS

Wednesday, 12 July, 2023
8:00am - 9:00am ET
Link: <https://zoom.us/j/7587906557>

For questions: Joseph D. Tucker (jdtucker@med.unc.edu)

SIHI Talks, SIHI's regular learning and partnership webinar is free and open to the public.

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LOCAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH RESEARCH

[Unleashing the Power of Designathons in Health and Health Research](#) | HOPE (Health Organization for Promoting Excellence), SESH (Social Entrepreneurship to Spur Health), and SIHI (Social Innovation in Health Initiative) | July 24-27, 2023

[Workshop on Ethics of Sharing Individual Level Human Brain Data Collected in Biomedical Research](#) | BRAIN, NEWG | July 17 – 18, 2023 | 10 AM – 5 PM ET

APBEN Webinar
Local Moral Worlds: Using Videos to Teach Bioethics

Speaker
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Professor
SIUT Karachi Pakistan

Speaker
DR. BUSHIRA SHIRAZI
Professor
SIUT Karachi Pakistan

Speaker
MS. SUALEHA SHEKHANI
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Monash University
Malaysia

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19:00 (MYT/PHT/SGT/HKT)
20:00 (JST/KST)
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[APBEN SIG Second Webinar – Local Moral Worlds: Using Videos to Teach Bioethics](#) | APBEN | July 7, 2023 | 07:30 (EST, US), 12:00 (BST, UK), 16:00 (PKT), 19:00 (CST/ HKT/ MYT/ PHT/ SGT), 20:00 (JST/KST), 21:00 (AEST, Australia), 23:00 (NZDT)

Publications (academic and popular press) on bioethics, human rights, law and allied themes

Academic and popular press

[As crisis grips education in India, a two-day conference deliberates on the way forward](#) | Neha Mishra & Sayantan Datta | IndiaBioscience | June 19, 2023

Call for Applications



SIDCER
Globalizing Ethics for Health Research



International Course on Research Ethics and Responsible Research

Chulabhorn International College of Medicine (CICM), Thammasat University (TU) | Strategic Initiative in Developing Capacity in Ethical Review (SIDCER) | Forum for Ethical Review Committees in the Asia and Western Pacific (FERCAP)

COURSE OVERVIEW

This international course is an overview of research ethics, focusing on the ethics of health research, and responsible research. This course will cover the following:

- Historical background, principles, and guidelines of research ethics and responsible research
- Ethical considerations in health research such as those related to conflict of interest, risks and benefits, vulnerability, and informed consent
- Ethical issues and methodologies in different health research fields (clinical trials, traditional medicine research, genome sequencing research, epidemiological and social research, and animal research) in the context of national, regional, and international collaborative research
- Principles and guidelines of responsible research
- Initiating health research: Responsible protocol writing and planning and setting-up of research
- Conducting health research: Quality data management and research or scientific misconduct
- Reporting health research: Publication ethics

COURSE FORMAT

This course to a large extent will be organized in an interactive learning format where students and researchers will work on a number of case studies which illustrate the main points made in the lecture presentations. Background materials will be provided to the students and researchers.

COURSE VENUE

Room 4003, Co-operative Learning Center (Piyachart 2 Building), Chulabhorn International College of Medicine (CICM), Thammasat University (Rangsit Campus), Pathumthani, Thailand

COURSE SCHEDULE

15-18 August 2023

COURSE PARTICIPANTS

- M.D. students
- M.Sc. and Ph.D. students (health sciences)
- Researchers in health sciences
- Members and staff of research ethics committees

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:

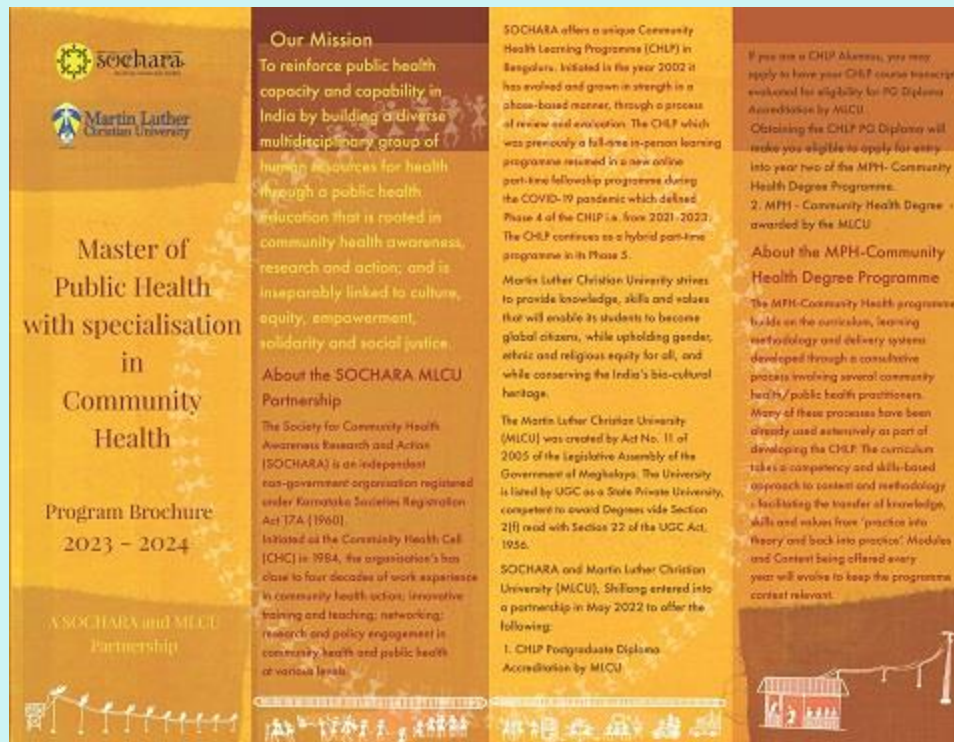
3,000 THB (includes course materials, coffee/tea breaks, and lunch during the training period)

COURSE REGISTRATION

To get a registration form, kindly e-mail: panida210@hotmail.com & atoynavarro@yahoo.com.

DEADLINE: Accomplished registration form should be submitted on or before: **15 July 2023**.

[Training in research ethics and RCR International Course on Research Ethics & Responsible Research](#) | SIDCER | Course schedule: August 15-18, 2023 | Deadline for application: July 15, 2023



[Master of Public Health with specialisation in Community Health](#) | SOCHARA MLCU | July 31, 2023

Call for inputs

[Draft General Recommendation n°37 on Racial discrimination in the enjoyment of the right to health](#) | CERD | Deadline: August 4, 2023

[Report on freedom of expression and the gender dimensions of disinformation](#) | United Nations Human Rights | Deadline: July 7, 2023

[The study of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on neurotechnology and human rights \(HRC resolution 51/3\)](#) | Human Rights Council Advisory Committee | Deadline: July 2, 2023

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