

Ethics in Health Research

Research ethics specify the basic norms and values of the research community. They are based on the general ethics of science; just as general ethics are based on the morality of society at large. Research involving human subjects or participants introduces unique and complex ethical, legal, social and political issues.

Research ethics is specifically focused on the examination of ethical issues that are raised when people are involved as participants in research.



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Description

The **Ethics in Health Research** course is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of ethical considerations within the context of health research, with a specific focus on the unique challenges and nuances present in South Africa. This course aims to equip students, researchers, and healthcare professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complex ethical landscape of health research in the country.

Available as classroom or online training

Content



Introduction.

Module 1: The South African Context.

Module 2: Regulating Guidelines and Legislative Framework.

Module 3 : Guiding Principles for Ethical Research.

Module 4: Vulnerability and Incapacity.

Module 5: Research Considerations.

Module 6: Research Ethics Committee (REC).

Final Assessment.



Cost

Classroom - R1,110 (VAT incl.)

Online - R944 (VAT incl.)

For group discounts, please contact us at:
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Duration

The classroom training is one full day (from 08h30 to 16h00).

The online training takes approximately 6 hours to complete.



Target Audience

Investigators and persons involved with research that contributes to knowledge of biological, clinical, psychological, or social welfare matters incl. processes as regards humans, the causes and effects of and responses to disease, effects of the environment on humans, methods to improve healthcare service delivery, new pharmaceuticals, medicines, interventions and devices, new technologies to improve health and health care



Certification

Delegates are required to complete a final assessment with at least 70% accuracy. Upon successful completion of the course, the delegate will be given access to the Certificate of Completion.



CPD Points

CPD points will be issued with the certificate of completion.

(6 CPD points | 6 Ethics points).



In-house Training

In-house training will be considered, subject to viability.





Learning outcomes

Module 1: The South African Context

- Describe the South African Constitution..
- Define "traditional philosophy".
- Understand traditional medicine.
- Explain recent ethical concerns.

Module 2: Regulatory Guidelines and Legislative Framework

- Understand broad legislation and guidelines.
- Define "health research".
- Understand the National Health Act 61 of 2003 (NHA).
- Understand the Declaration of Helsinki (DoH).
- Understand ICH Guideline for Good Clinical Practice (GCP).
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Module 3: Guiding Principles for Ethical Research

- Understand and explain the main principles of ethics.
- Understand and explain ethical key norms and values.

Module 4: Vulnerability and Incapacity

- Define and understand "vulnerability".
- Differentiate between legal and factual incapacity.
- Describe research involving minors.
- Describe research involving incapacitated adults.
- Understand collectiveness.

Module 5: Research Considerations

- Differentiate between quantitative and qualitative research.

Module 6: Research Ethics Committees (REC)

- Understand the roles and responsibilities of Research Ethics Committees (RECs).
- Understand terms of reference, SOPs and code of conduct.
- Explain ethical clearance.
- Understand the operations of the National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC).
- Describe registration with the National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC).