

7ST MAKERERE BIOETHICS CONFERENCE 2024

HOTEL AFRICANA, KAMPALA

THEME: Contemporary issues in bioethics practice

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: 11TH NOVEMBER 2024

08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration of participants	MakBC Secretariat
	Chair: Prof. Nelson Sewankambo (Emeritus Professor, Makerere University)	
09:00 – 09:10	Opening Ceremony	
09:10 – 09:20	Welcome remarks from the Chair, Conference Organising Committee	Assoc. Prof. Joseph Ochieng
09:20 – 09:30	Remarks from the Managing Director, Makerere University Biomedical Research Centre (MakBRC)	Prof. Moses L. Joloba
09:30 – 09:40	Remarks from the Principal, College of Health Sciences, Makerere University	Prof. Damalie Nakanjako
09:40 – 09:50	Remarks from the Executive Secretary, UNCST	Dr. Martin Patrick Ongol
09:50 – 10:00	Remarks from the General Secretary, UNESCO - Uganda National Commission	Ms. Rosie Agoi
10:00 – 10:50	Keynote Speech: Preserving Authenticity in an Increasingly Artificial World: A Job for Global Bioethics? - Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics	Assoc. Prof. Joe Ali
10:50 – 11:00	Opening Ceremony: Guest of Honor Speech:	
11:00 – 11:30	Tea Break	
11:30 – 13:00	Parallel Sessions	
	Kibbs Hall: Research Ethics: Chair: Dr. Barbara Castelnuovo (IDI)	
11:30 – 11:40	Scaling up Capacity to support conduct of clinical trials in East African Community (EAC) (scale-it). A case of capacity building training in Uganda and Kenya	Mathius Amperiize

11:40 – 11:50	Research Protocol amendments at Makerere University College of Health Sciences Research Ethics Committees during Covid Pandemic: Retrospective Documentary Analysis	Irene Angwalas
11:50 – 12:00	Study Participants' Preferences for Dissemination Methods of Health Research Findings at Makerere University College of Health Sciences	Marion Adongo
12:00 – 12:10	Ethical issues raised during ethical review meetings: A Case of Mildmay Uganda Research Ethics Committee	Eve Namitala
12:10 – 12:20	Exploring key research team members' practices of obtaining informed consent for research among persons with schizophrenia and bipolar affective disorder in Uganda	Godfrey Bagenda
12:20 – 12:30	Nature and management of perceived researcher vulnerability at Makerere University College of Health Sciences	Regina Namusisi
12:30 – 13:00	Discussions	Participants
	Rwizi Hall: Clinical Ethics Chair: Dr. Fred Nakwagala (MNRH)	
11:30 – 11:40	Assessing clinicians' awareness and perceptions of patients' rights in Mulago National Referral Hospital	Stuart Niwagaba
11:40 – 11:50	The contribution of social and family networks in supporting care of children with sickle cell disease: Experiences from families in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	Dr. Daima Bukini
11:50 – 12:00	Ethical Dimensions of Communication about Treatment Decisions between Patients with Advanced Cancer and their Doctors and Nurses in Botswana	Dr. Norman Carl Swart
12:00 – 12:10	Voices from the ICU: A qualitative study of healthcare providers' decision making experiences during the provision of life-sustaining treatment in intensive care units of public and private referral hospitals in Uganda	Patrick Odongo
12:10 – 12:20	Awareness, Practices and Ethical Issues Associated with Provision of Futile Medical Care by Intensivists in tertiary hospitals in Kampala district	Dr. Wilberforce Musoga Kabweru
12:20 – 13:00	Discussions	Participants
	Ssezibwa Hall: Emerging Technologies in Health Chair: Ms. Hellen Opolot (Assistant Executive Secretary, UNCST)	
11:30 – 11:40	Reflections: Ethical Issues Arising from the Use of ICT in Research and Education at Makerere University	Kakooza Edward

11:40 – 11:50	Stakeholders' Knowledge, Perspectives and Willingness to donate solid organs and associated ethical concerns in Uganda; A case study of Kampala	Tumwesigye Robert
11:50 – 12:00	Knowledge, Attitude, and Ethical Issues in Surrogate Motherhood Practice in Kampala, Uganda	Patricia Humura
12:00 – 12:10	Community Engagement conduct for Genetics and Genomics Research: a qualitative study of the experiences and perspectives of key stakeholders in Uganda	Harriet Nankya
12:10 – 12:20	Attitudes and practices of basic sciences graduate students on the informed consent options used in biobanking research at Makerere University College of Health Sciences	Brian Kintu
12:20 – 13:00	Discussions	Participants
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
	Kibbs Hall: Plenary session Chair: Assoc. Prof. Erisa Mwaka (Chair, Department of Anatomy)	
14:00 – 14:30	Plenary session 1: Topic: "For me, I want to decide together with my parent": adolescents' perspectives on the return of individual genetic research results	Assoc. Prof. Erisa Mwaka
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary session 2: Topic: Requirements, Procedures and Guidelines for the Conduct of Genetics and Genomics Research in Uganda	Assoc. Prof. Joseph Ochieng
15:00 – 15:30	Plenary session 3: Topic: Development of a Research Integrity Code of Conduct in Uganda	Ms. Hellen Opolot
15:30 – 17:00	Parallel Sessions	
	Kibbs Hall: Public Health Ethics Chair: Prof. Noah Kiwanuka (MakSPH)	
15:30 – 15:40	Bioethical issues in the implementation of cluster randomized trials evaluating integrated community-based care: Experiences from the INTE-COMM trial in Uganda.	Dorothy Mirembe
15:40 – 15:50	The Ethicality of Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations in Uganda: A Qualitative Study	Nameri Sharon
15:50 – 16:00	Practices and attitudes of herbalists regarding informed consent in Uganda: A qualitative study	Sumayiya Nalubega

16:00 – 16:10	Ethical Implications of Public Health Interventions in Low-Resource Settings: A Case Study of Vaccine Distribution in Rural Kenya	Dennis Langat
16:10 – 16:20	Is it a Bribe? Research Personnel’s Perceptions of the Ethical Aspects of Financial Compensation to Healthy Volunteers in Prevention Trials in Tanzania	Fr. Raymond Athanas
16:20 – 17:00	Discussions	Participants
	Rwizi Hall: Data Science Chair: Dr. Paul Kutwabami (MakCHS-SHS)	
15:30 – 15:40	Unveiling the Ethical Dimensions of Data-Sharing in Health Research: Perspectives from Researchers at a Public University in Uganda	Dr. Paul Kutwabami
15:40 – 15:50	From Automated Arms to Automated Brains: Robotic Human Learning and the Future of Literary and Philosophical Creativity	Dr. Dickson Kanakulya
15:50 – 16:00	“With artificial intelligence, anything is possible”: Stakeholder perspectives on the ethical and social implications of sharing genomic data	Deborah Ekusai Sebatta
16:00 – 16:10	Scientific and Ethical issues arising from AI-based innovations in Health: An analysis of Research Studies approved by Amref ESRC	Jane Sydney Jabilo
16:10 – 16:20	Ethical Research Data Management Among Graduate Students: A Case Study For Two Public Universities in Uganda	Evas Nimusiima
16:20 – 17:00	Discussions	Participants
17:00 – 19:30	Cocktail dinner	

DAY TWO: 12TH NOVEMBER 2024

08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration of participants	MakBC Secretariat
	Chair: Assoc. Prof. Joseph Ochieng	
09:00 – 09:30	Keynote Address: Contemporary issues in Clinical Ethics	Dr. Fred Nakwagala, Acting DED MNRH
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote Address: A new beginning: Reflections for the future	Prof. Nelson Sewankambo (Emeritus Professor, Makerere University)
10:00 – 10:30	Keynote Address: Research regulation in Uganda: Updates to the national ethics guidelines	Dr. Martin Patrick Ongol (Executive Secretary, UNCST)
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote Address: Bioethical considerations in infectious diseases outbreaks	Dr. Charles Kuria Njuguna (WHO Country Representative)
11:00 – 11:30	Tea Break	
11:30 – 13:00	Parallel Sessions	
	Kibbs Hall: Research Ethics: Chair: Dr. Hannah Kibuuka (Executive Director, MUWRP)	
11:30 – 11:40	Regulators views and recommendations on Regulatory approval barriers and facilitators in the conduct of clinical trials in Africa: Case Study of Uganda	Sheila Ampaire
11:40 – 11:50	Upholding Integrity in Research: Navigating Ethical Challenges in Contemporary Research Practices	Carol Ndombi
11:50 – 12:00	Ethical Issues During Implementation of One Health Approach In Brucellosis Disease Control in Low- and Middle-Income Countries	Ardelene Diana
12:00 – 12:10	Researchers' Perspectives on the Adequacy of Material Transfer Agreements of Studies Involving Biobanking in Uganda	Rachel Namuddu
12:10 – 12:20	Stakeholder expectations and preferences for feedback of individual genetic findings in genomics research in Botswana	Mary Kasule
12:20 – 12:30	Perceptions and Experiences on Identification and Management of Conflicts of Interest During the Ethical Review Process	Joanita Nansubuga
12:30 – 13:00	Discussions	Participants

	Rwizi Hall: Clinical Ethics Chair: Dr. Adeodata Kekitiinwa (Baylor Uganda)	
11:30 – 11:40	Moral Distress and Coping Strategies Among Nurses and Midwives at Kawempe National Referral Hospital	Mubangizi Prosper
11:40 – 11:50	Privacy and Confidentiality in the Intensive Care Unit; Health Workers' Awareness, Attitudes and Practices at Mulago National Referral Hospital	MaryAnne Apok
11:50 – 12:00	A qualitative study on informed consent decision- making at two tertiary hospitals in Uganda: Experiences of patients undergoing emergency surgery and their next of kin	Dr. Olivia Kituuka
12:00 – 12:10	Perspectives of Advanced Cancer Patients on Information Disclosure during the Informed Consent Process for Clinical Care at A tertiary Institution	Rebecca Kampi
12:10 – 13:00	Discussions	Participants
	Research Ethics Chair: Dr. Sam Okware (Director, UNHRO)	
11:30 – 11:40	Research Participants' Perspectives on Compensation for Participation in Biomedical Research in Cancer Patients at Uganda Cancer Institute	Ruth Victoria Nagawa
11:40 – 11:50	Ethical issues encountered while engaging rural communities to participate in community-based cervical cancer research: A case study of three districts in mid-western Uganda	Dr. Philippa Kadama-Makanga
11:50 – 12:00	Using sign language to obtain informed consent among adolescents living with deafness in Wakiso, Central Uganda; Key lessons learned	Racheal Ayanga
12:00 – 12:10	Genomic Research Participants' Understanding of Informed Consent in a low resource setting: Case of CAfGEN study	Francis Anyaka Amayoa
12:10 – 12:20	Training Needs Assessment for Bioethics in HIV Research among Special Populations	Josephine Nayiga
12:20 – 12:30	Mainstreaming Health Research Ethics Education in Botswana's Undergraduate Problem-Based Learning Medical Curriculum	Mpho Mogodi
12:30 – 13:00	Discussions	Participants
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	

	Kibbs Hall: Plenary session Chair: Dr. Fred Nakwagala (MNRH)	
14:00 – 14:30	Plenary session 4: Topic: Designing and Implementing an Equity Toolkit for International Research Partnerships: A Uganda-United States HIV Case Study	Dr. Chelsea Modlin
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary session 5: Topic: Should Feedback of Individual Results be Integrated into the Consent Process in African Genomics? Participants' Views from an HIV-TB Genomics Research Project in Botswana	Dr. Dimpho Ralefala
15:00 – 16:30	Parallel Sessions	
15:00 – 16:30	Kibbs Hall: Panel discussion PhD in Bioethics fellows Chair: Assoc. Prof. Joe Ali (Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics)	
15:00 – 16:30	Kibbs Hall: Panel discussion MSc. Bioethics Alumni	
16:30 – 17:30	Chair: Assoc. Prof. Charles Ibingira Closing Ceremony and Remarks	
	Summary of proceedings from the Chair, Conference Organising Committee	
	Closing Ceremony: The Vice Chancellor, Makerere University	
	Closing Ceremony	

POSTER PRESENTATIONS DAY ONE

	Title	Author
1.	Ethical challenges faced by a Higher Degrees and Research Ethics Committee at an academic MU institution in Uganda: A case study of an ethics committee in handling postgraduate students' research	Deborah Mwebaza
2.	Automating DHIS2 Data Management: A Python-Based Solution for Report Validation and PostgreSQL Storage	Timothy Kavuma
3.	The Role of Family in the Decision-Making process for Adult Elective Surgery and the Ethical Issues at Mulago National Referral Hospital	Base Namakhonje
4.	Magnitude and Factors Associated with Research Misconduct at Public University in Ethiopia: a Cross-Sectional Survey	Habtam Hailu
5.	Ethical Dimensions and Challenges in Genomic Research among African Populations: Insights from Protocols Reviewed by the Amref Ethics and Scientific Review Committee in Kenya	Jane Sydney Jabilo
6.	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	Ronald Kigozi

7.	Ethical Considerations in Research Involving Storage of Samples for Future Use in Multi-Country Studies: Insights from Protocols Reviewed by the Amref Ethics and Scientific Review Committee in Kenya	Jane Sydney Jabilo
8.	A Scoping Review of Ethical Symmetry During One Health Brucellosis Diseases Outbreak Response in LMICs	Ardelene Diana
9.	Predicting Mosquito Age and Species with Mid-Infrared Spectroscopy and AI: A Cost-Effective Alternative Method for Enhanced Malaria Surveillance	Amos Okot
10.	Experiences and Ethical Issues During Shared Decision-Making in Rural Healthcare in Uganda: A Case Study of Budumba and Butaleja Health Centre III	Ranga Solomon Owino

POSTER PRESENTATIONS DAY TWO

11.	Understanding of Information Provided During Consent for Fixed Prosthodontic Treatment: A Mixed Methods Study among Patients at Two Tertiary Hospitals in Kampala, Uganda	Barbara Ndagire
12.	Assisted Reproductive Health	Ronald Kigozi
13.	Decision-making and role preferences for receiving individual pharmacogenomic research results among participants at a Ugandan HIV research institute	Sylvia Nabukenya
14.	Ethical Issues in Maize and Cassava Plant Biotechnology in Uganda	Beth Mutumba
15.	Exploring the ethical dilemmas in the care of pregnant Women in Ghana: a case of “maternal-foetal conflicts in a peri-rural district hospital in Ghana”	Zaid Haruna
16.	Responding to moral challenges in clinical practice: A qualitative study on ethics support needs assessment at three Tanzanian hospitals	Shija Kevin Kuhumba
17.	CACO system	Busuulwa Moses
18.	My AMR Alert App	Akello Catherine
19.	Assessing Implementation of Selected Ethical Considerations in Makerere University Animal Science Research Collaborations	Donald Rugira Kugonza
20.	Exploring the interaction between Biotechnology and Cultural Beliefs & Practices in Africa	Gumoshabe Amon