



THE BIOETHICS SOCIETY OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CARIBBEAN



In collaboration with

THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, JAMAICA

PRESENTS A TWO DAY WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR ON

“ETHICAL ISSUES IN PUBLIC HEALTH”

VENUE: UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, JAMAICA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2014

TIME: 8:30 PM. - 3:00 P.M (REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 A.M.)

WORKSHOP COST (\$6000) US \$60 REGISTER EARLY AND PAY \$5500 (US \$55) SEPT. 12, 2014

FORUM COST: \$3000 (US 30) SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

DISCOUNTS FOR PERSONS ATTENDING BOTH DAYS

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WORKSHOP

(Engineering conference room)
Ethical Issues in Research in Public Health’ and ‘Committee
Review of Public Health Research’

FORUM: PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS

(Lecture Theatre 23, Faculty of Health)

**Special Lecture and Panel discussion on
the topic**

***Globalization and the spread of infectious
diseases: Ethical concerns and
considerations***

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTERS

**PROFESSOR RUTH MACKLIN, PHILOSOPHER &
BIOETHICIST ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF
MEDICINE, NEW YORK**

**PROFESSOR RAY MOSELEY, BIOETHICIST, FLORIDA
BIOETHICS NETWORK, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

**DR. CARLA SAENZ, PAHO REGIONAL BIOETHICS
ADVISOR, PHILOSOPHER**

**PROFESSOR CHERYL COX MACPHERSON,
ST .GEORGES UNIVERSITY, GRENADA**

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A workshop and Forum

12 & 13th September 2014

PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

September 12, 2014

**Ethical Issues in Research in Public Health’ and ‘Committee Review of Public Health Research’
(Venue: School of Engineering Conference Room – University of Technology, Jamaica)**

PROGRAMME

9.00am – 9.05 am Welcome, Opening Remarks

9.05 am – 9.30 am Greetings

Professor Cheryl Macpherson – BSEC President

- Utech President (To be invited)
- Head of School of Graduate Studies (To be invited)

9.30 am – 10.15 am **Professor Ralph Robinson** - Fundamentals of Research Ethics

10.15 am – 11:00am **Professor Cheryl Cox Macpherson (BSEC)**
Establishing, organizing and administering research ethics committees
Responsibilities of sponsor, investigator, institution participant, and RECs

11.00am – 11.15am Coffee Break

11.15am – 12.00pm **Professor Ray Moseley**

Special topics in research ethics: informed consent, vulnerable populations, privacy & confidentiality, compensating research participants and conflict of interest

12.00pm – 12.45pm **Dr. Carla Saenz**
Quality Assurance and risk-benefit analysis in research
- Challenges of conducting international research in developing
Countries
- Clinical trials

12.45pm - 1.30pm **Professor Ray Moseley**

Essential Elements of the Research Ethics Review Process: continuing review,
amendments, close outs, adverse events

1.30pm – 2:30pm Lunch

2.30pm – 3.00pm **Mock IRB Review**

Professor Cheryl Macpherson, Dr. Carla Saenz & Professor Ray Moseley

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SPECIAL MEETING OF ETHICS COMMITTEES (4:00 – 5:00 p.m.) (Venue: Lillian’s Restaurant)

Topic: Regional and international collaborations for the sustainability and efficiency of ethics committees

Invited Committee representatives include:

- 1) The Bioethics Society of the English Speaking Caribbean
- 2) Ministry of Health Ethics Committee
- 3) The National Bioethics Committee
- 4) The Florida Bioethics Network representative
- 5) The Northern Caribbean University Ethics Committee representative
- 6) The UWI ethics committee representative

15 minute presentations

The Florida Bioethics Network – Establishing and sustaining an effective bioethics organization – Prof Ray Moseley

PAHO’s role in supporting the work of regional ethics committees – Dr Carla Saenz

3.50pm - 4.00pm Closing remarks

Dinner : Lillian’s Restaurant

BSEC FORUM

20 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes Q&A after 2 speakers

8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	Welcome and opening remarks
8:35 a.m.-9:15 a.m.	Professor Cheryl MacPherson (BSEC) Professor Ayontunde Bewaji (NBCJ) Dr. Kevin Harvey _ Chief Medical Officer, Jamaica (to be invited)
9:15 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Dr. Carla Saenz –PAHO & Public health ethics
9.35 am – 9.55am	Prof. Hari Seetharaman - 'International Dimensions of Public Health':"Strengthening primary care and public health - need of the hour in the Caribbean"
9:55 a.m – 10: 10 a.m .	Questions and answers
10:10 a.m – 10:30 a.m.	Professor Ray Moseley - When Public Health Research Conflicts with Personal and Cultural Beliefs
10:30 a.m.-10:50am	Tracia-Gay Kennedy-Dixon - under the theme: Pharmacovigilance and protection of public':"The prevalence of potential drug-drug interactions on prescription filled at the University Health Centre Pharmacy between November 2012 & February 2013."
10:50 am – 11:05	Questions and Answers
11.05 a.m –11.25 a.m	Professor Ralph Robinson - Bioethics and infectious diseases
11:25am –11.45 am	Rev. Garth Minott: The Anglican Church and the HIV and AIDS Epidemic in Jamaica."
11.45 am –12:05 pm	Dr. Paul Brown: Getting to zero: Hospital Acquired Infections and Ethics
12:05 p.m – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 p.m.-1:30 pm	Keynote Address Prof. Ruth Macklin – <i>Globalization and the spread of new and emerging Infectious diseases: Ethical concerns and considerations in protecting public health</i>
1:30p.m. – 2:30 p.m	Panel Discussion on the topic above based on recent out public health concerns about chinkungunya and Ebola

Panelists include: Dr. Kevin Harvey (CMO) (to be invited), Professor Ruth Macklin (bioethicist), Professor Ayontunde Bewaji (Philosopher), Dr. Carla Saenz (Philosopher & Bioethicist), Dr. Paul Brown (microbiologists), Gillian Mignott (Microbiologist and Bioethicist)

Vote of Thanks

TOPICS & OBJECTIVES FOR THE FORUM

Prof. Hari Seetharaman - 'International Dimensions of Public Health': 'Strengthening primary care and public health - need of the hour in the Caribbean'

Objectives:

1. To compare and contrast the allocation of resources towards public health versus 'hospital-based' curative medicine
2. To compare the population health benefits achieved by public health versus hospital care
3. To raise the awareness of the importance of strengthening primary preventative care and public health in this era of globalization

Professor Ray Moseley - When Public Health Research Conflicts with Personal and Cultural Beliefs

Objectives

1. Identify ways in which personal and cultural beliefs can influence the ethics committee review of research.
2. Explain the pros and cons of public access to and public participation in the review of research.
3. Delineate common factual and belief arguments in the evaluation of research.

Tracia-Gay Kennedy-Dixon - under the theme: Pharmacovigilance and protection of public': 'The prevalence of potential drug-drug interactions on prescription filled at the University Health Centre Pharmacy between November 2012 & February 2013.'

Objectives

At the end of this presentation, participants should be able to:

1. Recognize the significance of potential drug-drug interactions (DDIs)
2. Classify potential drug interactions according to a DDI screening software
3. Identify drug class combinations that result in potential DDIs
4. List the major potential DDIs and the potential adverse events associated with prescriptions that were analyzed during the study period
5. Develop strategies to avoid or minimize potential DDIs

Professor Ralph Robinson - Bioethics and infectious diseases

1. To provide plausible reasons for the dearth of established normative principles serving the discipline of infectious disease

2. To explain the concept of the '10:90 divide'
3. To raise difficult and unique ethical questions relating to Infectious diseases

Rev. Garth Minott: The Anglican Church and the HIV and AIDS Epidemic in Jamaica."

Objectives to follow

Dr. Paul Brown: Getting to zero: Hospital Acquired Infections and Ethics

This presentation aims to

1. Give an overview of hospital acquired infections in Jamaica
2. Identify the major organisms which cause hospital acquired infections in Jamaica
3. Outline strategies for reducing hospital infections and challenges for compliance
4. Discuss whether getting to zero hospital infections is a reasonable expectation

Prof. Ruth Macklin – Globalization and the spread of new and emerging Infectious diseases: Ethical concerns and considerations in protecting public health

1. To explain globalization and its impact on the spread of diseases
2. To outline examples of infectious diseases which have caused international public health concerns
3. To discuss ethical issues that arise with globalization in relation to infectious diseases
4. To discuss the role of ethicists in public health crises of global concern