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Faculty of
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Ethical and Legal Aspects of Clinical Trials

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**CONTINUING
EDUCATION**

Course Description

The implementation of clinical research projects requires a thorough review of both scientific quality and ethical adequacy. The importance of ethics for research and overall drug development is reflected in institutional, national, and international principles and guidelines.

During our course, representatives from various institutions will explain the main concepts and methods to address ethical issues. Real-world examples and case studies support the understanding and transfer of theoretical concepts into the clinical research environment.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Name key principles of ethical considerations during clinical research and development
- Discuss ethical concerns for designing, conducting and reporting of clinical trials
- Understand international and national principles and guidelines as basis to perform clinical trials

Target Audience

All pharmaceutical and health care professionals who are interested in getting a deeper understanding of ethical and legal aspects in medicines development.

Program

Monday, November 2, 2026

- The Evolution of Biomedical Research Ethics
- Benefit-Risk Assessment
- Ethical Issues in Randomized Clinical Trials
- Equipoise
- The Informed Consent Process
- The electronic Patient Consent

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

- Ethical Review Systems in Europe
- The Role of Ethics Committees

- Data Privacy and Sharing Health Data
- AI and Clinical Trials
- Misconduct and Fraud, Research Ethics
- Inducement in Clinical Research and Advertisement
- Ethical Aspects of Clinical Trial Registration
- Ethical and Legal Aspects of Genetic Testing

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

- Clinical Research in Vulnerable Populations
- Ethical Aspects of Clinical Research in Children
- Moral Reasoning and Bioethics in Clinical Research
- Decentralised Clinical Trials
- Patient View of Clinical Trial Ethics
- Ethical and Legal Issues in Big Data Research

Credits

2 ECTS

Course Organizer

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