Current Controversies in Research Ethics: Research Integrity, Research Ethics Committees and International Clinical Trials

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ENREC was established in 2008 to raise the harmonization between RECs in reviewing of research proposals and to augment sharing of information and intellectual resources, policies and review strategies. This will lead to enhanced processes for protecting research subjects.
Vision

To be the reference to and supporter of Egyptian REC's ensuring their consistency with the international quality standards of research.
Egyptian Network of Research Ethics Committees (ENREC)

Objectives

- To **establish & foster** communication and coordination.
- To **facilitate exchanges** of knowledge, know-how and information.
- To **enhance**
  - Efficiency and consistency in the review of research,
  - Dissemination of teaching material and awareness-raising activities.
Survey for identifying structures, processes, resources and needs of RECs in Egypt.
First Meeting To Establish an Egyptian Network of Research Ethics Committees (ENREC)

October 16th – 18th, 2008
Palmera Hotel Al Ain Al Sakhna
Methods

- **Survey** for identifying structures, processes, resources and needs of RECs in Egypt.

- **Face-to-face meeting** to discuss the Network (we had 6 meetings)
Meetings

- We had 5 meetings in addition to the 1st one of the ENREC establishment held in Al Aina Al Sokhna,
- They were biannual.
- 3 of them were in Cairo and 2 in Fayoum and Benha governorates.
- Seventh ENREC Meeting: ???? on November, 2011.

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Achievements & outcomes of the meetings

- Joining of new members.
- Conduction of training for the members.
- Dissemination of the assessment tool.
- Discussion of the debatable research topics encountered by the members (e.g. stem cells, genetics... etc).
- Discussion about Multicenter studies.
- Initiative for standardization of the documents used by the members.
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- Creation of [website](http://www.enrec.com)
Egypt has established many functioning Research Ethics Committees (RECs) during the last decade. This network has been established to enhance the review of research and to help investigators and their research staff submit their proposals.

An REC network is believed to facilitate more uniform ethical review and simplify REC procedures. More information will be available in the next few months as we try to enhance this website.

Contact us to list your REC in the directory.

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New Online Training In Research Ethics and Good Clinical Practice

http://www.menareti.net/

This online training is unique in the following aspects:

- **Certificate Print-Out**: participants will be able to print out a certificate of achievement at the end of course.

- **Audio Powerpoint Presentations**: Rather than reading lecture notes, participants can listen to previously taped audio-powerpoint presentations.

- **Arabic Presentations**: Most of the audio presentations are in Arabic, making it ideal for an Arabic audience.

Please visit Online Training.
Guidance

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) (PDF)
- Best Practice SOPs for Egypt (PDF)
- Research Ethics Guidelines
- Operational Guidelines for Ethics Committees That Review Biomedical Research (PDF)
- Surveying and Evaluating Ethical Review Practices (PDF)
Tools

- Investigator Application Form (PDF)
- REC Checklist for Initial Review (PDF)
- Elements of Informed Consent (PDF)
- Financial Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statement (PDF)
- Statement of Confidentiality (PDF)
A Framework for the Ethics of Clinical Research


The Ethics of Randomization and Placebo Controls


Bioethics Links

- Aga Khan University Bioethics Initiatives, Pakistan
- American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics
- Belmont Report
- Bioethics Web
- Case Western Reserve University Department of Bioethics
- Center for Bioethics and Department of Medical Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania
- Central Office for Research Ethics Committees
- Centrally Coordinated Bioethics Program for India - Fogarty Bioethics Training Program
- Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
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- Creation of page on **Facebook**

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We are planning to have our "Sixth Meeting of the Egyptian Network of Research Ethics Committees (ENREC)" , we fixed a preliminary date on Thursday 5th of May 2011 to be held at Dar El Deyafa of Ain Shams University.

It is an opportunity to gather a wide range of research ethics committees’ representatives from as many different localities in Egypt as possible in order to get a better picture and to discuss how the spirit of our Egyptian revolution will influence the research in general and the research ethics, in particular, in Egypt, how our RECs can benefit from this change in improving and increase the quality of our performance in protection of the egyptian research participants, how the African cooperation can be achieved through our network, as Egypt started to be redirected to our neighbours in Africa after a long time of negligence.

Please you are kindly requested to respond to this email asap and to CONFIRM your participation to allow us to reserve and arrange for the meeting in Dar el Deyafa.
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Brochure
Egyptian Network of Research Ethics Committees (ENREC)

Mission:
- Strengthen coordination between the ethics committees of scientific research through the consolidation of mechanisms of action, training and communication. This would lead to an improvement in the quality of scientific research, the extent of commitment to ethics and the protection of participants.
- Disseminating awareness of ethics of scientific research to researchers and citizens.
- Enhance the current quality of Egyptian REC's performance.

Vision:
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الشبكة المصرية للجان أخلاقيات البحث العلمي

تم تأسيس الشبكة المصرية للجان أخلاقيات البحث العلمي (ENREC) في عام 2008 من أجل رفع قدرة لجان الأخلاقيات المصرية على مراجعة البروتوكولات البحثية وتنمية المشاركة في المعلومات والخطة التدريبية بين اللجان ما يؤدي إلى تعزيز حماية المشاركين في الأبحاث.

رؤية:
تكوين مرجعية ودعم للجان أخلاقيات البحث العلمي المصرية لمساعدتها في الوصول للمعايير الدولية لجودة البحوث.

المهام:
• تعزيز التنسيق بين لجان أخلاقيات البحث العلمي من خلال توحيد آليات العمل والتدريب والاتصالات بينها والتي من شأنها خفض نويعية البحث العلمي ومدى التنزام بالأخلاقات وحماية المشاركين في الأبحاث.
• نشر الوعي بأخلاقات البحث العلمي للمواطنين والباحثين.
• تعزيز جودة لجان أخلاقيات البحث العلمي.
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The Network That Net Worth
Future Plans

- Submission for funding.
- Newsletter.
- Creation of board of directors.
- Mutual collaborations with several National and International organizations.
- Annual conference.
To decide to work together in order to maintain and develop high quality standards in the protection of human subjects in Egypt.

To be a model to be followed in Arab and African countries.
“I never see what has been done; I only see what remains to be done.”
Questions/ Comments?

Thank you

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