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10th Nov, 2016

To,
The Chairperson,
Institutional Ethics Committee
Government Medical College

Subject: Call for Applications for online distance learning program- Certificate Course in Research Ethics

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from Indian Institute of Public Health- Delhi, Public Health Foundation of India!

PHFI is a public private initiative that has collaboratively evolved through consultations with multiple constituencies including Indian and international academia, state and central governments, multi & bi-lateral agencies and civil society groups. The PHFI focuses on broad dimensions of public health that encompass promotive and preventive health related services in India. In the past ten years PHFI has made significant progress in several areas impacting the public health. One of the core mandates of PHFI is to institutionalize public health by creating Indian Institutes of Public Health (IIPH) across the country. Since inception, five institutes have been operationalized, one each in Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Delhi, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) and Shillong (Meghalaya). These institutes established under the aegis of the Foundation, offer various on campus academic programs, online distance learning programs and short term training programs in various public health domains and are engaged in program and policy relevant research.

We are pleased to announce 'call for applications' for three month online distance learning program "Certificate Course in Research Ethics. This course aims to sensitize members of ethics committees, researchers and students on the ethical principles of research ethics in humans, essentially in the context of public health research and implementation trials.

We request you to kindly circulate the brochure for this online distance learning course in your institute/organization. We sincerely hope that you will encourage students, researchers, volunteers and other technical experts to enroll in this learning opportunity. We also request you to kindly circulate the brochure among your professional colleagues to inform the interested and eligible candidates about the course. This will help us to purposefully engage in capacity building of professionals in practice of public health.

Please find enclosed herewith the Program Brochure. The brochure is also available of PHFI website www.phfi.org . To view course details and submit the online applications, kindly visit the link <https://cdl.phfi.org/portal/node/269> and apply. We would be happy to respond to any of your queries and concerns.

The last date for submission of online applications is 15th December, 2016.

Thank you,
Warm Regards,

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Science
Autonomy
Cognitive
Beneficence
Protecting research participants
Patient care
Confidentiality

Research Ethics
Privacy Reporting Anonymity
High quality Dignity
Institutional Review Board (IRB)
Voluntary participation
Responsibility
Medicine
Scientific credibility
Technology Dignity
Placebo
Informed consent
Scientific misconduct

Bioethics Scientific merit



CERTIFICATE COURSE IN RESEARCH ETHICS DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Duration: 3 Months

Offered by: Indian Institute of Public Health—Delhi

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN RESEARCH ETHICS

BACKGROUND

Research ethics is the bedrock of quality health research. High quality ethics in research requires the research design to be ethical and implementation processes of the research to be ethical too. Poor science is also unethical. Additionally, it is mandatory that all research involving humans is reviewed by the institutional ethics committee which is situated at the parent institution where the research is being conducted and/ in addition/or by national committees. Publication of your research findings is also almost impossible without ethical clearance. It is important that "Chairs", "members of ethics committees" and investigators are cognizant and sensitized to the multi-faceted dimensions of research ethics and its implementation. Thus it is imperative for the members of ethics committees, investigators, doctors and public health researchers, and students of medicine and those in allied sciences to be equipped with issues related to ethics. These could be nurses, physiotherapists, dentists, microbiologists, pathologists, surgeons, medical superintendents etc. This course will enable them to conceive, develop the research design, write it, implement and conduct research in an ethical manner. They can also review the ethical soundness of studies.

OBJECTIVES

This course aims to sensitize members of ethics committees, researchers and students on the ethical principles of research ethics in humans, essentially in the context of public health research and implementation trials. Real time situations and examples of challenging situations which are common in every day research and practice can be viewed through suggested links of videos. Much of the course will be taught using a case method approach and participants will have an opportunity to work through a number of ethical dilemmas in a variety of situations. The focus of this course would be more related to public health research and implementation research.

COURSE DESIGN & DURATION

The course is designed as a three month computer based online distance learning program, largely self-taught, complimented with online lectures, suggested video films and online resources. English would be the language of instruction.

ELIGIBILITY

The course is open to the following candidates:

Members of ethics committees, investigators, doctors, and public health researchers; graduates from medicine or other health sciences (dentists, physiotherapists, nurses, pharmacists etc.), who would be getting into research with humans; Medical doctors desirous to do their dissertation for their MD, MS, MCh, DNB, DM. Even doctors, nurses, dentists, physiotherapists who intend to get only into clinical practice would benefit from it as they would be able to assess the

ethics of any research article which they read. The course is suggested for all MBBS graduates, those doing post graduation in any medical field (DNB, MD, MS, DM, MCh, MDS) and also young researchers embarking into research, research associates, research fellows, project directors, research officers, field workers, and research coordinators. All personnel indulging in research would benefit.

Eligible candidates would be screened based on their application and statement of purpose by the selection committee.

COURSE OUTLINE

The course contents includes an introduction and sensitization to the following : Principles of research ethics in humans and the history of ethics, ethics of placebo trials and clinical equipoise, privacy and confidentiality, informed consent, conflict of interest, ethical issues in community-based research, standards of care, ethics in qualitative research, Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) also known as Institutional Ethics Committees (IECs) - objectives, constitution, roles, responsibilities, review process, sensitization to government of India regulations and Schedule Y, GCP and IC-GCP, safety reporting time lines, compensation and post-trial access, audits, regulatory requirements of clinical trials research; and sensitization to some of the ethical issues involving marginalized populations.

TEACHING & COURSE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY

The course will be delivered in the hybrid / blended learning mode i.e. through a combination of online lectures, suggestions on online resources including films which need viewing, recommended readings from journal articles/ links available online and an interactive discussion board.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- **Internet Bandwidth:** 1 Mbps
- **Processor:** Intel Pentium 4 or equivalent and above
- **RAM:** 512 MB and above (1 GB recommended)
- **Supported browsers:** recent Google Chrome, recent Mozilla Firefox, Safari 6, Internet Explorer 9
- **Latest Adobe Flash Player**
- **Supported Operating Systems:** Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Mac OS, Linux, iOS, Android, etc.
- **Headset with microphone (web camera - optional)**

EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated through online exams in the form of MCQs and participation in live interactive session.

COURSE FEE

The course fee is INR 9000 for Indian and South Asian Nationals, and USD 330 for other international candidates.

