

11TH NATIONAL PAEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONFERENCE
2nd Paediatric Bioethics Symposium
Theme: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

17 - 21 November 2021 **Online** 

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS / CASE PRESENTATIONS

Dear friends,

The COVID-19 pandemic has awakened deep concerns about our health care systems and systemic inequity. It continues to pose a threat to humanity with imminent potential for panic and fear that disrupts our everyday lives. Today, we witnessed solidarity. International community are slowly coming together as one to collaborate, coordinate, share lessons learnt and help one another. Thus, global cooperation especially in the sphere of research development is essential to create new alliances and creative solutions.

The 11th National Paediatric Research Conference: a 2nd Paediatric Bioethics Symposium takes its inspiration from our original symposium in 2017 where a [declaration](#) was made. With the difficult decision to hold a virtual Conference in 2021, we continue to critically explore the many intersections of bioethics, health humanities, and the worlds with which we engage.

As we converge together digitally from around the region—recognising that we are people with different values, beliefs, identities, perspectives, experiences, knowledge, and skills—let us focus on the many strengths of our diverse community to address these challenges, envision these possibilities, and chart new paths forward.

Erwin J. Khoo

Organising & Scientific Chairperson
11th National (Malaysia) Paediatric Research Conference

Objectives

After participating in this conference, participants should be able to:

- Attend to difficult or embarrassing conversations about ethics.
- Achieve shared understanding and consensus to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery.
- Make recommendations about how to resolve ethical dilemmas.
- Provide effective communication and attain clinical competency level of a paediatric resident.
- Discuss and apply recent research findings and insights from critical methodologies.
- Identify opportunities to advocate for structural, cultural, and disciplinary changes through examination of diverse values and viewpoints.
- Incorporate key ethical concepts into curriculum development.

Who should attend?

The virtual conference hosted by International Medical University, Malaysia (IMU) is designed for professionals that inspire to improve the quality of health care delivery, paediatric trainees, clinicians, nurses, attorneys, philosophers, members of the clergy, social workers, and others engaged in endeavours related to clinical and academic bioethics or health-related humanities.

Key dates

- 23 June Launch of IMU Centre for Bioethics and Humanities
 Registration and abstract submission opens
- 5 September Early bird registration deadline
- 30 September Abstract submissions deadline
- 7 October Abstract notification
- 1 November ePoster and Pecha Kucha submission deadline

Registration fees

Early bird	MYR 99
Paediatric trainees / allied health professionals / students	MYR 118
Regular fees	MYR 169

From 23 June, visit www.imu.edu.my/bioethics to register!

Abstract submission guidelines

We invite submission of abstracts and case presentations for the Pecha Kucha presentation.

1. Authors of outstanding abstracts will be invited for the Pecha Kucha Presentation, where all conference participants will be invited to attend. Remaining successful abstracts are allotted as an ePoster.
2. Abstracts are not limited to the field of Paediatrics.
3. Abstracts may be case-based, empirical studies or a conceptual analysis.
4. Submit abstracts (structured or unstructured) as a MS Word file (.doc or .docx) with a 500-word limit by 30 September 2021 to nprc@imu.edu.my
5. Presenting authors of abstracts must be registered participants.
6. The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submission.
7. All abstracts must be submitted and presented in clear English with accurate grammar and spelling of a quality suitable for publication.
8. Abstract submitters will be required to disclose any conflict of interests in their presentation.

Conference grants

Conference grants are awarded to support conference attendance. This allows people from all over the world to 'virtually' meet one another, as well as to learn and discuss issues and ideas relevant to their career. The grants are awarded on a "first come, first serve basis" and aim to support participants who intend to present their work.

- To be eligible for an award, applicants must be:
 1. Paediatric trainees, paediatric nurses, allied health professionals or students in nursing and other allied health professions (e.g., speech therapist, chiropractors, dieticians) enrolled in a degree-seeking undergraduate program or from an accredited institution.
 2. Submitting an abstract.
- How to apply:
 1. Register for the conference.
 2. Submit your registration details (including name, email address, contact number and affiliation) with the heading "Conference Grant Application" alongside your abstract by **29 August 2021** to nprc@imu.edu.my
 3. Successful grant recipients will be notified one week upon submission of their abstracts.

Meet the keynote speakers* and experts



John D. Lantos* is Professor of Pediatrics at University of Missouri in Kansas City, the founding director of the Children's Mercy Hospital Bioethics Center and Glasnapp Family Foundation Endowed Chair in Bioethics. He was a Professor of Pediatrics at The University of Chicago where he served in various leadership roles, including Chief of General Pediatrics and Associate Director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics. He is a leader in the field of bioethics. He is a former President of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities and of the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics, and is an advisor to the American Academy of Pediatrics on bioethics issues. Lantos has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, Larry King Live, National Public Radio and Nightline. He has been an associate editor of the *American Journal of Bioethics*, *Pediatrics*, and *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*.



Paul Komesaroff* is a physician, researcher and philosopher at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, where he is Professor of Medicine and Executive Director of Global Reconciliation, an international collaboration that promotes communication and dialogue across cultural, racial, religious, political and other kinds of difference. He is a practising clinician, specialising in the field of endocrinology. He is also Director of the Centre for Ethics in Medicine and Society, another international collaboration which undertakes educational and research work in relation to all aspects of ethics in relation to medicine, health care and the sciences. He occupies or has occupied many roles in the fields of ethics and society, including: Director of the Clinical Ethics Service at the Alfred Hospital, Chair of the Ethics Advisory Group of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (1995-2013), Chair of the International Health Workforce Society of Australasia, and Deputy Chair of the Asia-Pacific Ethics Consortium. He is the Chair of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* and Ethics Editor of the *Internal Medicine Journal*. He is the author of more than 425 articles in science, ethics and philosophy, and author or editor of fourteen books.



Paul Crawford* is Professor of Health Humanities at the School of Health Sciences, Director of the Centre for Social Futures at the Institute of Mental Health, University of Nottingham, UK. He is also Adjunct Professor at Canberra University, Australia. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health. As the founding father of the new, global and rapidly developing field of health humanities, Professor Crawford has spearheaded research in applying the arts and humanities to inform and transform healthcare, health and wellbeing. Most recently, Professor Crawford led the *What's Up With Everyone* campaign with Academy-award winning Aardman (*Wallace & Gromit*, *Shaun the Sheep*, *Chicken Run* etc.) to support the mental health literacy of young people. This campaign co-created with young people five short original films and a companion website, whatsupwitheveryone.com, focusing on perfectionism, loneliness & isolation, competitiveness, social media and independence. Professor Crawford has written over 140 publications including peer-reviewed papers or chapters and 13 books. He remains the leading figure in health humanities worldwide. Professor Crawford on the editorial boards of *Journal of Medical Humanities*, *Communication & Medicine* and *Applied Arts in Health* and acts as a referee for several prominent publishing houses and major journals. He has also appeared on BBC Radio 4 (Today Programme, Woman's Hour), Radio 2 (Johnnie Walker), 5 Live (Simon Mayo) and various regional shows.



Khor Swee Kheng* is a Malaysian physician with international experience in the public, private, non-profit and think-tank sectors. Currently, he specialises in health systems & policies and global health, holding think-tank fellowships at Chatham House, the United Nations University and ISIS Malaysia. Previously, he held progressively senior practitioner roles in clinical medicine, refugee & disaster relief, clinical research and pharma anti-corruption. In these roles, he was based in Malaysia, Singapore, Dubai, Shanghai and Paris, covering more than 90 countries across Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. He holds postgraduate degrees in internal medicine (Royal College of Physicians), public health (Berkeley) and public policy (Oxford), and has published >120 articles in international media, think-tanks and academic journals.



Brian S. Carter is Professor of Paediatrics (Neonatology & Fetal Health), Chairman, and Sirridge Endowed Professor, Department of Medical Humanities & Bioethics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Medicine, United States. He is also the current Editor for *Clinical Pediatrics*.



Marion Aw is an Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore and a Consultant Paediatrician in the National University Hospital. Her area of clinical expertise is in paediatric gastrointestinal disease, hepatology and liver transplantation. Dr Aw also serves as the Chair of the Paediatric Gastrointestinal Subcommittee for the Asian Pan-Pacific Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition. Dr Aw is actively involved in both undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. She is an Assistant Dean (Education) for the Medical School, as well as the Education Director at NUH, overseeing pre-employment placements and training for medical, nursing and allied health students.



Saroj Jayasinghe is the Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Founder Head, Department of Medical Humanities, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is a Consultant to the Faculty of Medicine, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and a practicing clinician who works as a Consultant Physician. His research interests include kindness in healthcare, application of complexity science in health, and clinical reasoning.



Stefan Kutzsche, PhD is a Norwegian paediatrician and anaesthetist, currently special advisor for Education at Oslo University Hospital. He was formerly an associate professor and director of the Centre for Education at the International Medical University, Kuala Lumpur. Kutzsche has been involved in education and training of medical students, nurses, international medical graduates, and postgraduate medical trainees in ethics and has been a member of the clinical ethics committee at Oslo University Hospital.



Phaik Yeong Cheah is a bioethicist and Associate Professor at University of Oxford. She is the founder and current head of the Department of Bioethics & Engagement at the Bangkok based Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU). Phaik Yeong's research focuses on ethical issues arising in conducting research with underserved populations, in particular how to ethically involve children, migrants, refugees and other vulnerable groups in research. She currently manages MORU's community and public engagement programme that aims to embed community voices in research to ensure that MORU's research is ethical, responsive and that its potential health impact is maximized.



Calvin Ho is Associate Professor with the Faculty of Law, and Co-Director of the Centre for Medical Ethics, at the University of Hong Kong. His research is primarily on the governance of health and biomedical technologies, including human genome editing, human pluripotent stem cell research, and health technologies based on Artificial Intelligence and data analytics. He is an Ethics Board member of Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), and a member of the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator Ethics Working Group of the World Health Organization.



Mark Taylor, PhD is an Associate Professor in Health Law and Regulation and Deputy Director of the research group HeLEX at Melbourne Law School; which focuses on the legal and regulatory frameworks governing new health technologies. Mark's own research is focused on the regulation of personal information with emphasis on health and genetic data. He seeks to develop a concept of privacy that is capable of reconciling individual and community (privacy) interests with a broader (public) interest in access, use and management of personal health information.



Soo Thian Lian is a consultant paediatrician and neonatologist. He is currently an Associate Professor in Paediatrics at the International Medical University. He is a former President of the Sabah Medical Association, the Malaysian Paediatric Association, and the Perinatal Society of Malaysia. He has a keen interest in post graduate paediatric training and has been an external examiner for the Malaysian Master of Paediatrics program, as well as a regular local examiner for the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.



Irene Cheah Guat Sim is a Neonatologist and Paediatrician. She was the Head of Neonatal Unit, Paediatric Department Hospital Kuala Lumpur from year 2000, and Deputy Head of Paediatrics Activity in the Ministry of Health (Malaysia) till recently retired. As a senior clinician, she has been very much involved in post graduate training of medical officers, neonatal nursing and other disciplines and agencies involved in Child Protection. She has been an examiner for MRCPCH examinations, Royal College of Child Health & Paediatrics, UK from 2006 till the present.

Conference Programme

Day 1: Wednesday, 17 November 2021

Time	Event	
1200 – 1240	<i>Pre-conference webinar series (free and open to all)</i>	
	How do we practice cultural competency and humility in palliative care?	Dr Lee Ai Chong, University Malaya, Malaysia
	Teaching culturally competent health care in neonatal medicine	A/Prof Dr Azanna Ahmad Kamar, University Malaya, Malaysia
1240 - 1300	Webinar Q&A session	

Day 2: Thursday, 18th November 2021

1200 – 1240	<i>Pre-conference webinar series (free and open to all)</i>	
	Bioethics of managing death: Comparisons between NIPAH epidemic (1998-9) and COVID-19 pandemic (2020-21) in Malaysia	Dato' Dr Patrick S K Tan, Anesthetist and Intensivist, Malaysia
	Is it time to introduce legislation on advance decisions in Malaysia?	Dr Mark Kiak Min Tan, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia
1240 - 1300	Webinar Q&A session	

Day 3: Friday, 19th November 2021

1200 – 1240	<i>Pre-conference webinar series (free and open to all)</i>	
	Social impact of a pandemic on the marginalised: can we be realistic in resolving the issues of equitable health care access?	A/Prof Dr Erwin Jiayuan Khoo, International Medical University, Malaysia
	Solidarity in crisis - the ethical appeal and realistic approaches to healthcare professional's refusal to manage patients with COVID-19	Dr Hui Siu Tan, Ampang Hospital, Malaysia
1240 - 1300	Webinar Q&A session	
1300 - 1500	Lunch, poster viewing & networking	
1500 – 1505	Welcome remarks	A/Prof Dr Erwin Jiayuan Khoo
1505 – 1530	Opening keynote address Ethics, politics, policies and health: what COVID-19 shows us	Dr Khor Swee Kheng, Associate Fellow, Chatham House, United Kingdom
1530 - 1730	Free paper sessions powered by Pecha Kucha	
1730 – 1900	MRCPCH & M. Med (Paediatrics) clinical examination preparatory workshop: pearls from Malaysian RCPCH & M. Med examiners <i>A workshop for medical students, house officers, medical officers and paediatric trainees that focuses on the postgraduate examination's "communication and 'ethics'" stations</i>	A/Prof Datuk Dr Soo Thian Lian & Dr Irene Cheah, Malaysia

Day 4: Conference; Saturday, 20 November 2021

Time	Event	Speakers
0800 – 0810	Poster viewing & networking	
0810 – 0850	Keynote address	Prof Dr John Lantos, University of Missouri-Kansas City, United States
0850 – 0900	Break, poster viewing & networking	
0900 – 1120	Clinical ethics consultation in the neonatal unit and paediatric ward: workshop Plenaries & interactive case discussions	Prof Dr John Lantos & Prof Dr Brian Carter, University of Missouri-Kansas City, United States
1120 - 1200	Ethics and values: caught or taught? Plenary and Q&A session	A/Prof Dr Marion Aw, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, Singapore
1200 - 1300	Lunch, poster viewing & networking	
1300 – 1520	Medical ethics: workshop <i>Have you ever been in a situation where you felt that there was an ethical issue with a patient, and you weren't sure how to manage it? Ethical issues are commonplace in the practice of medicine. This session is designed to get you thinking about ethical issues in practice and develop ways of working through clinical problems.</i>	Prof Dr Paul Komesaroff, Monash University, Australia
1520 – 1600	Break, poster viewing & networking	
1600 - 1640	Ethics and health communication in English: tackling the consequences of colonial era linguisticism and racism Plenary and Q&A session	Prof Dr Saroj Jayasinghe, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
1640 - 1720	What's up with everyone? <i>A campaign led by Professor Crawford with academy-award winning Aardman Animations (Shaun the Sheep), research teams at the universities of Nottingham, Loughborough, and London School of Economics and Politics. This campaign is a series of animated stories and companion website that aims to increase young people's mental health literacy.</i>	Prof Dr Paul Crawford, School of Nursing, The University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
1720 - 1800	Effectively incorporating key ethical concepts into residency training Plenary and Q&A session	A/Prof Dr Stefan Kutzsche, Oslo University Hospital, Norway

Day 5: Conference; Sunday, 21 November 2021

Time	Event	Speakers
0800 – 0810	Poster viewing & networking	
0810 – 0850	Keynote address	Prof Dr Paul Komesaroff
0850 – 0900	Break, poster viewing & networking	
0900 – 1120	Clinical ethics consultation with the adolescent and in palliative care: workshop Plenaries, Interactive Case Discussions and Q&A session	Prof Dr John Lantos & Prof Dr Brian Carter
1120 – 1200	Break, poster viewing & networking	
1200 - 1330	<i>Consent is a dialogue, not a form</i>	
	Consent and assent in paediatric research in low-income settings	A/Prof Dr Cheah Phaik Yeong, Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford
	Involving families and children in online research	A/Prof Dr Calvin W.L. Ho, Faculty of Law, Co-Director of Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, University of Hong Kong
	When can the child speak for herself? The limits of parental consent from a legal perspective	A/Prof Dr Mark Taylor, Health Law and Regulation, Melbourne Law School
	Q&A session	
1330 – 1400	Prize-giving for free paper sessions, debriefing and closing	

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