

緊急事態時の研究倫理： 倫理審査と研究のモニタリング

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Research ethics in emergent situation : Ethical review and monitoring

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Abstract

Research at emergency situations needs to adhere to ethical principles, such as autonomy, beneficence, and justice, as well as other moral considerations that protect the rights of victims as research participants. Casualty participation in research for the benefit of researchers should be avoided.

An institution located in the stricken area must review the plan for research and monitor the ongoing research respecting local customs and manners. However, while there is an urgent need for municipalities and ethical review boards to play an important role in research within the affected area, it is difficult to secure such a system, particularly in the developing countries. Moreover, there is a rising trend by the medical frontline of using emergency drugs under development and pending approval in the country or those approved overseas. Hence, we need to build a fair ethical frame to prevent exploitation of victims by the compassionate use of drugs.

The compliance of research ethics in emergency situations is a global problem associated with cost, patent, and so on. This problem presents a particular challenge to us because we have to balance the interests of the relevant stakeholders—the developed countries, the developing countries, and the pharmaceutical industry, for instance.

Key words

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