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**18th FERCAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**November 19-20, 2018**

**CHANG GUNG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

**Taoyuan, Taiwan**

**Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts**

**Theme: Strengthening Scientific Innovation and Ethical Assessment of Health Research**

**Conference Schedule**

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| **18 Nov. 2018**  **Sunday (1300 – 1700)** | **Pre-Conference Training: Ethics Review of Innovative Design** |
| **19 - 20 Nov. 2018 Monday – Tuesday** | **Conference Proper** |
| **21 Nov. 2018 Wednesday** | **FERCAP Recognition Program and General Assembly** |

**Conference Objectives**

* To highlight current trends and innovative approaches in health research
* To discuss the challenges in ethics review of innovative designs in health research
* To describe the role of research ethics committees in promoting good science and ethics in health research
* To describe the roles of various stakeholders in promoting good research ethics practices within the context of innovation and globalization
* To discuss the ethical assessment of big data health researches

**Call for Abstract Submisssion**

**\*Presentation abstracts** (approximately 300 words) may be submitted to [atoynavarro@yahoo.com](mailto:atoynavarro@yahoo.com) and/or [cristina.torres@yahoo.com](mailto:cristina.torres@yahoo.com) on or before July 31, 2018 on any of the suggested topics below:

* International/ national policies, regulations, guidelines and practices related to ethical practices in the conduct of innovative designs in health research
* Ethical considerations regarding health databases and biobanks
* Data privacy vs. data sharing in health research
* Challenges and best practices in single/ joint review of multicenter researches
* Improving quality of ethics review (assessment forms, reviewing SAEs, protocol violation, continuing review, site visits, etc.)
* Improving informed consent (individual vs. broad consent, electronic informed consent, etc.)
* Addressing ethical challenges in innovative design of various types of researches
  + Clinical research
  + Traditional and/or integrated medicine
  + Socio-behavioral research
  + Public health research (effectiveness studies)
  + Environmental research
  + Community directed interventions
* Best practices of research ethics committees in reviewing multi-country studies
* Ethical issues in drug/ vaccine development during epidemic outbreaks
* Reviewing medical device
* Ethical issues in publication