

Conference Announcement

The 26th FERCAP International Annual Conference

22 – 25 November 2026

**Strengthening Research Ethics and Networking
in an Era of Global Health Challenges**

Venue: Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University, Indonesia

**Call For
Abstracts!**



Abstract Submission to:

- cristina.torres@yahoo.com or panida210@hotmail.com
(for International participants)
- fercap2026.id@gmail.com (for Indonesian participants)

Deadline for Abstract Submission: July 31, 2026

Website: <https://www.sidcer-fercap.org/pages/conference.php>

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26th FERCAP International CONFERENCE

Strengthening Research Ethics and Networking in an Era of Global Health Challenges

A hybrid conference with face-to-face and online participation

VENUE: Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University
Makassar City, South Sulawesi, Indonesia

22-25 November 2026



**Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia
& the Western Pacific**



Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review

hosted by



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in collaboration with



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Muhammadiyah Makassar**



**Wahidin Sudirohusodo
Hospital**



**Forum of Indonesian Recognized
Research Ethics Committee**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Theme:

*Strengthening Research Ethics and Networking
in an Era of Global Health Challenges*

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

Abstract proposals (at least 500 words) may be submitted on or before July 31, 2026 and must address any of the suggested topics listed below. All abstracts must be written in English.

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Please explain the objectives, methods, expected favorable outcomes and ethical issues about your topic and explain how it is related to the conference theme.

Embedding Ethics and Quality in Research Design and Practice

- Integrating ethics and quality principles into health research and practice design
- Strengthening scientific rigor and research integrity for ethical research
- Ethical governance issues within health research systems
- Harmonization of ethical guidelines and regulations with local practice
- Ensuring scientific and ethical compliance in open science procedures
- Scientific and ethical issues in genetic research and practice
- Ensuring harmonized information in the protocol and consent forms

Ethical Considerations in Governance and Quality Across the Clinical and Translational Research Continuum

- Ethical considerations in advanced biomedical innovation, drug, diagnostic, and medical device development
- Ethical issues in vaccine clinical trials during epidemics
- Ethical issues in oral health research
- Personalized medicine, genomic and epigenetic research
- Biobank-based research and translational use of biological data
- Clinical and translational research in pandemic and emergency settings
- Clinical trials in poverty-related and neglected diseases
- Governance of decentralized, patient-centric, and multicenter clinical trials
- Scientific and ethical elements in traditional and complementary medicine practice and research
- Clinical case reports, real-world evidence (RWE), and clinical registries
- Post-trial access, benefit sharing, and continuity of care, MTA

Highlighting Ethical Considerations in Public Health Practice and Research

- Improving utilization of population-based molecular and translational epidemiological research data
- Evidence-based procedures in the determination of priority programs in the health research agenda
- Application of ethical principles in public health research
- Developing codes of conduct for public health officials
- Integrating the 5Es (equity, efficiency, effectiveness, empowerment and ethics) in health systems research
- Elements of good research practice in health education and health promotion
- Identifying ethical issues in health technology assessments

Scientific and Ethical Frameworks for Social and Community-Based Research

- Protection of human participants in social and behavioral research
- Ethical issues in humanities and historical research
- Ensuring scientific rigor and confidentiality in public opinion surveys
- Ethical issues in the use of ethnographic methods
- Improving community engagement in participatory research
- Protection of human participants in environmental and ecological research
- Addressing misinformation, conspiracy theories to restore public trust in scientific research
- Differentiating ethics of professional practice from research ethics
- Various levels and types of consent in community research

Inclusion and Protection of Vulnerable Populations in Research

- Ethical issues in pediatric research
- Providing protection for pregnant women involved in research
- Ethical issues in mental health research
- Ethical issues in involving healthy volunteers in research
- Ethical issues in research involving indigenous population
- Conducting ethical research among stigmatized population (sex workers, PDLs, etc.)
- Types of informed consent for vulnerable populations in research

Oversight and Accountability of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technologies in Research

- Ethical governance of AI and machine learning in health research
- Data governance, privacy protection, data sharing, and mitigation of algorithmic bias
- AI applications in diagnosis, treatment planning, and patient monitoring
- Health information systems, mobile-based applications, and digital decision-support tools in research and patient care
- Ethical challenges of AI-assisted academic research
- Ethical use of social media and digital platforms in research

Strengthening Research Ethics Committee (REC) Systems and Operational Excellence

- REC governance, quality assurance, and self-audit mechanisms
- Quality systems and standards in ethics review
- Conflict of interest identification and management
- Protection of research participants, vulnerable groups, and research data
- Innovative informed consent and assent processes
- Digitalization and efficiency of REC operations
- Post-approval oversight, monitoring, and reporting
- Harmonized ethics review processes for multi-center studies
- Engagement and empowerment of lay members in RECs
- Use of AI in ethics review
- Updating standard operating procedures to support ethical research
- Good practices in the use of single or joint research ethics review

Advancing Capacity Building for Responsible Research Conduct

- Education and training in responsible research conduct
- Academic mentoring, supervision, and ethics education
- Institutional policies and support systems for responsible research conduct
- Promoting health literacy during participation in ethical research
- Innovation and continuous improvement of responsible research conduct programs
- Addressing fabrication, falsification and plagiarism in research
- Promoting good research publication practices

Important Dates:

March 31, 2026

- Abstract submission opens

July 31, 2026

- Deadline for abstract submission

September 30, 2026

- Initial notification of abstract acceptance

October 31, 2026

- Final acceptance of oral and poster presentations

Conference Dates:

November 22, 2026

- Pre-Conference Training (13:00-17:00) : Improving Monitoring and Post Approval Review of Research
- FERCAP Steering Committee Meeting (18:00-21:00)

November 23-24, 2026

- Conference Proper

November 23, 2026

- Welcome Dinner (18:00-20:00)

November 25, 2026

- FERCAP General Assembly
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