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Beyond Nuremberg: Time to abandon 20th century approaches to the regulation of research on humans

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At their core, the systems of ethical oversight for research on humans developed in the middle of the 20th century are designed to prevent harm or scandal. Despite this simple aim, gaining ethical approval of human research studies has become a complex, time-consuming and resource-intensive process that is both wasteful and very frustrating. Furthermore, our current system of ethical oversight is remarkably weak in terms of identifying bad practice and is increasingly unable to accommodate the range of study designs employed in the 21st century.

This presentation describes an alternative approach to protecting the interests of participants and the wider community in having human research studies conducted properly.

Konrad Jamrozik undertook his basic medical training in Adelaide and Hobart in Australia and subsequently completed a doctorate in epidemiology at Oxford. He is presently Head of the School of Population Health and Clinical Practice at the University of Adelaide, having worked in seven other universities spread over four continents.

Dr Jamrozik's interest in human research ethics has been stimulated primarily by his experiences in seeking approval for whole-of-population studies involving multiple institutional and individual providers of health services. But his ideas about what should be done in human research ethics have also been shaped by service on three ethics committees, two in Australia and one in the UK. He has taught introductory courses in ethics at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

His publications in the field of ethics include:

Jamrozik K, Kolybaba M. Are ethics committees retarding the improvement of healthcare services in Australia? Med J Aust 1999, 170: 26-28.

Jamrozik K. Research ethics paperwork: what is the plot we seem to have lost? Br Med J 2004 ;329:286-7.

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