

Graduate School Seminar Series



Ethics of research in COVID (and pandemic contexts): *Engaging communities in decision making about research agendas*

Dr Bridget Pratt, Centre for Health Equity

Ethical guidance for conducting research during the COVID-19 pandemic (and generally) highlights the importance of engaging communities in decision making throughout projects. But without attention to power and diversity, engagement often leads to tokenism. In this talk, Bridget presents an ethical toolkit that she has developed to help researchers and their community partners meaningfully include the communities impacted by their projects during research agenda-setting.

“A lot of the anxiety comes from the fear of bringing it home to your loved ones”:

An ethical approach to health professional safety in COVID-19 and beyond

Dr Rosalind McDougall & Prof Lynn Gillam AM, Centre for Health Equity

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the risks that can be involved in healthcare work. In this presentation, Lynn and Ros explore the issue of staff safety in clinical work using the example of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the COVID-19 crisis. They articulate some of the specific ethical challenges around PPE currently being faced by frontline clinicians, and develop an approach to staff safety that involves balancing duty to care and personal wellbeing.



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Bridget Pratt, Rosalind
McDougall & Lynn Gillam

Dr Bridget Pratt is an ethicist in the Centre for Health Equity, MSPGH. Bridget’s research looks at the ethics of global health research and health systems research, with a focus on social justice and equity. She has developed ethical guidance on the following topics: research agenda setting, community engagement, governance, capacity development, and knowledge translation. Her background is in philosophy, global health, and qualitative research.

Dr Rosalind McDougall is an ethicist in the Centre for Health Equity, MSPGH. Rosalind’s research and teaching focus on the ethical challenges faced by health professionals. Her background is in philosophy and qualitative research, and she brings these ideas and approaches to ethical analysis of issues in patient care.

Prof Lynn Gillam AM is an experienced clinical ethicist, originally trained in philosophy and bioethics. She is a Professor in the Centre for Health Equity, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health. Lynn is also the Academic Director of the Children’s Bioethics Centre at the Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne.

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