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# **RESEARCH ETHICS**

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Mahidol University International Demonstration School  Research : A systematic study, analysis, or experimentation by using equipment or methodology to find facts or principles in establishing rules, theories or ways of practice.

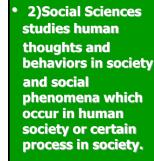


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# Types of Knowledge

 1)Natural Sciences: studies natural phenomena surrounding human beings and other components.

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 3)Humanities: studies human beings,human thoughts and feelings, events in human society, human attitudes towards the world and

human life including what human beings have created.







# The Importance of Conducting Research

- 1. creates a new body of knowledge.
- 2. helps examine, criticize, and improve the thinking system or the way of practice in the society.
- 3. searches for methods of expression, practice or the way to search for knowledge.



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- 4. presents knowledge useful for public decision making.
- 5. helps create new things beneficial to society.



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# **Types of Research**

- 1. basic research or theoretical research : a theoretical study or experimentation in labs to find new knowledge.
- 2. applied research : a study or experimentation aiming at using the knowledge for some benefits.



 3. experimental development : the work done systematically to create new products by means of using knowledge and experience from the research.



# Differences between Scientific Research and Social Science Research

Scientific Research

 the study about
 natural phenomena
 or objects
 surrounding
 human beings.



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 Social Science Research : the systematic study, analysis or experiment concerning human beings, interactions, society.



# **Important Features** of the Research

- 1. The researcher must play an important role in conducting research.
- 2. must have confidence in knowledge and the search for knowledge.



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- 4. uses a suitable method in collecting and analyzing data.
- 5. uses an argument to create a case study so that the conclusion is plausible.
- 6. is related with other fields of study.



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Ethical Rules / Ethical Principles / Ethics : rules of good behaviors for the benefit of oneself and society

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More formal definitions refer to ethics as involving the systematic application of moral rules, standards, or principles to concrete problems.



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### morality: rules of good behaviors, especially related to religion, Buddhism code of ethics : rules of good behaviors related to each profession.



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Ethics is what you should do.

Ethics is not what you must do.



Research Ethics means the rules of conduct in conducting research, particularly when dealing with other people and organization, aimed at causing no harm and providing, if possible, benefits. (Walliman, 2006: 206)





- The Brooklyn Jewish chronic Disease Hospital (1963)
- The Tuskegee Syphilis Study (1932-1972)
- The Asthma Study (2001)
- TGN 1412 (2001)



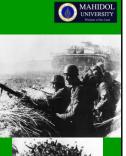
# Crime in Nazi Army

- The German Government committed several crimes in both World War I and II
- The most notable of these is the Holocaust



# The Brooklyn Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital (1963)

 The medical experiment at the 13CDH CDH, New York, USA: Three doctors injected 22 chronically ill and feeble patients with live cancer cells.



## The Tuskegee Syphilis Study (1932-1972)

• The Syphilis experiment between 1932-1972 by US. Public Heath Service was to study the natural progression of syphilis in rural black men.



 The experiment was conducted among 600 black men who were sharecroppers in Macon County: 399 had syphilis, 201 did not have it.

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# The Asthma Study (2001)

- The Asthma Study was conducted in 2001 at Johns Hopkins University.
- Miss Ellen Roche, a healthy technician aged 24 from the Johns Hopkins Asthma and Allergy Center volunteered to take part in the study.



- The study was designed to test a mild asthma attack by the volunteer inhaling hexamethonium.
- She died a month after entering the study.



# TGN 1412 (2001)

 The research was conducted in March 2006 among eight healthy boys volunteering to test TGN 1412 by TeGenero AG, a German pharmaceutical company.



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 The medicine produced and activated the work of lymphocyte or T-cell which would benefit patients with leukemia, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis.



 Six boys were admitted to the hospital on the same day. All of them suffered from multiple organ dysfunction. Opinions from an inquiry suggest that the problems resulted from "unforeseen biological action in humans".



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# Ethics Committee History – International

History – International Nuremberg Code–WWII 1947 Universal Declaration of Human Rights – United Nations 1948 Declaration of Helsinki – WMA 1964



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### Nuremberg Code – WWII 1947 • One of the first statements of the ethical principles

statements of the ethical principles involved in human experimentation.

 Put special emphasis on human experimentation: Before starting the research, informed consent must be sought.



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 No experiment should be conducted where there is a prior reason to believe that death or disabling injury will occur.



# Declaration of Helsinki – WMA 1964

- Doctor and patient relationship.
- Research must be conducted only by a scientifically qualified person and under supervision of a clinically competent medical person.



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- Emphasizes on informed consent.
   Participants in research should be informed in advance as to the nature of the research.
- It is the participant's right to take part in the research.





# The Belmont Report – US 1979

- Respect for person
- Beneficence
- Justice



# Respect for Person

- Respect for human dignity
- Respect for human rights
- Respect for informed consent
- Respect for the vulnerable group's dignity



# Description Beneficence Image: Second system - Risk/ benefit assessment Image: Second system - Risk/ benefit assessment Image: Minimizing harms to participants - Maximizing possible benefits particularly benefit to society.

# Justice

- Fairness and equality
- Distribution of burdens and benefits
- Fair selection of volunteers



- Council for International Organization of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) 1982.
- Operational Guidelines for Ethics Committees that Review Biomedical Research – WHO 2000



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- Forum for Ethical Review Committee in Thailand (FERCIT) 2000
- Thai Medical Council 2001



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# **Mahidol University**

- 1. Mahidol University Ethics committee on Human Beings
- 2. Faculty of Medical Science at Siriraj
- 3. Faculty of Medical Science at Ramatibodi



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# 4. Faculty of Tropical Medicine

- 5. Faculty of Public Health
- 6. Faculty of Nursing
- 7. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities



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### 2.The researcher must have responsibilities for the research agreement trying to finish the research within the time proposed by the researcher.

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3. The researcher must have adequate knowledge in the subject he(she) is conducting.



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4. The researcher must have responsibilities for the research subjects: human beings or animals.



5. The researcher must have respect for the dignity and right of the participants in the research.



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7. The researcher must distribute his work for the academic and social benefits.



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8.The researcher must have respect for other people's academic opinions.



9. The researcher must have responsibilities for society and devote his (her) intellectual capacity for the benefit of mankind.



# **The Ethical Principles That Are Not Included** in the NRCT Ethical **Principles**

- 1. Informed consent
- 2. Privacy and Confidentiality
- 3. Fairness
- 4. Plagiarism
- 5. Deception 6. Concealment
- 7. Falsification



# **1. Informed consent**

 Provision of clear and coherent information to participants about the purpose, methods, demands, risks, discomforts, and possible outcomes.



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### Participant exercises voluntary choice to participate or to withdraw consent.

- Participant is free to make that choice.
  - Vanessa Traynor **Primary Health** care Research Network



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- transmitting of sensitive data and information.
- Participant's privacy should be highly respected.
- More intimate situation might give rise to a more personal relationship.



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### MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY MAHIDOL 4. Plagiarism **3. Fairness** • The researcher Take someone else's should be fair to writing as one's own. co-researcher and research assistant in sharing research grants and in Ghostwriting giving research credit to those Piggybacking concerned.



 The researcher should not deceive the participant about the nature of the research : The Milgram Report.



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> The use of research facilities : tape recorder, camera has to be permitted by the participant.



# 6. Concealment

 The researcher should not conceal any information which causes harm to the public.



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 The researcher must conduct his/her research with great responsibilities taking into consideration the impacts on himself/ herself, the participants, and society.



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# 7. Falsification

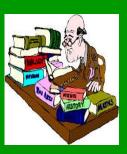
• The researcher should not falsify the research results.



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> Research must be conducted objectively and reported honestly. This is Research Ethics

> > **Thank You**



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