World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centres for Bioethics (CCs) are key institutions with relevant expertise distributed throughout the world. They represent a valuable resource as an extended and integral arm of WHO’s capacity to implement its ethics mandate. The scientific validity of WHO’s work on ethics is enhanced by ongoing collaboration and dialogue with academic centres. In this respect, WHO encourages connections and synergies among its CCs to achieve enhanced results, to facilitate resource mobilization and to strengthen (institutional) capacity, in particular at the regional level. WHO is committed to the development of CCs for bioethics in low- and middle-income countries and encourages active partnership between CCs in high- and low-resource settings.

The Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Bioethics has been created to advance these aims.

Major Achievements

- **Global Health Ethics**: Joint development of WHO publications
- **Epidemics and Pandemics**: Key role in the development of WHO guidance documents and capacity-building in Member States
- **Public Health Surveillance**: Leading the development of WHO Ethics Guidelines
- **Research Ethics**: Providing educational activities and support for Member States
- **Tuberculosis**: Essential contribution to the development of WHO guidance document and education tools
- **Artificial Intelligence and Big Data**: Support for WHO guidance development and publication

For more information:
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An International Network of Academic Centres Dedicated to Ethics of Public Health and Research
Toronto
The University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics, designated in 2002. Directed by Jennifer Gibson.
jcb.utoronto.ca/

Miami
The University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy, designated in 2008. Directed by Kenneth W. Goodman and Sergio G. Litewka.
bioethics.miami.edu

Zurich
The University of Zurich's Institute of Biomedical Ethics and History of Medicine, designated in 2009. Directed by Nikola Bilter-Andorno.
ibme.uzh.ch

Tehran
Tehran University of Medical Sciences' Medical Ethics and History of Medicine Research Centre, designated in 2020. Directed by Bagher Larijani.
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Beirut
The Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center, designated in 2021. Directed by Thalia Arawi.
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The Indian Council of Medical Research Bioethics Unit, National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, designated in 2020. Directed by Roli Mathur.
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Seoul
The Yonsei University's Asian Institute for Bioethics and Health Law, designated in 2014. Directed by Sohn MyongSei.
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