

## How to pass your research protocol through an ethics review committee

### Description

The course will provide the necessary background information and tools that allow researchers to identify ethical issues in their research with human subjects (or their personal data) and ways to appropriately address them. We will specifically focus on what an ethics review committee looks for in a research protocol; what its primary concerns are; which ethics guidelines need to be adhered to; why informed consent is so important and how should a good informed consent form look like. Special considerations raised in the context of research in developing countries will be addressed. The above issues will be illustrated through the examples of actual research protocols and ethics review committee comments. A reader is available.

### Objectives

By the end of the course, participants will have gained an understanding of the principles of research ethics, and have acquired practical skills how to meet the requirements of ethics review committees.

### Dates

**04. October 2011**

### Eligibility

This is an introductory course.

### Course structure

Morning

- Why do we need ethics review committees?
- Basic principles in research ethics.
- International and national research ethics guidelines.
- Specific guidelines for epidemiological and public health research
- Informed Consent: How to write a good one.
- Risk/Benefit ratio: Why is it important.
- When and where to submit a research proposal.
- Special considerations for research in developing countries.

Afternoon

- Case studies: Focus on sampling procedures
- Case studies: Focus on instruments
- Case Studies: Focus on risk/benefit

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<b>Assessment</b>	Interactive work
<b>Credits</b>	<b>0.5 ECTS</b>
<b>Facilitators</b>	Dr. Effy Vayena, University of Zurich Dr. Sonja Merten, SwissTPH, Basel
<b>Location</b>	University of Zurich
<b>Course Fee</b>	SSPH+ Students 0.- Other PhD Students 150.- Other academics 425.- Others 625.-
<b>Registration</b>	Online under <a href="http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch">www.ispm-unibasel.ch</a>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>01. September, 2011</b>
<b>Max. Attendance</b>	24

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