

# Research Ethics in the Field of Complementary Medicine

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# An interactive online workshop via Microsoft Teams

Date and Time: Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 7PM till 9PM

Target Audience: Physicians, Pharmacists, Complimentary Medicine Practitioners and Allied Health Practitioners

#### Aim:

To increase the knowledge and improve skills regarding the basics complementary medicine research ethics, misconceptions, education and regulation.

## **General Learning Objectives:**

By the end of the CPD sessions participants should be able to:

- 1. Identify the core ethical principles (autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice) as they apply to TCIM research.
- 2. Analyze common ethical challenges in TCIM research, such as placebo use, informed consent in diverse cultural contexts, and integration with conventional medicine protocols.
- 3. Evaluate the role of ethics review boards (IRBs/ERBs) in safeguarding participants in TCIM studies.
- 4. Develop a framework for addressing an ethical dilemma in their own research or practice.

## Speaker

Dr. Mohammed Khalil: World Health Organization Consultant (Complementary Medicine),
 Member of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on TCIM, Former head of research
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#### Activity schedule:

Time and Speakers	Schedule and Learning outcomes
7.00PM - 9.00 PM	Schedule and LO's:
	7.00 – 7.30 Introduction to research ethics, adverse events reporting in TCIM
Speaker:	<ol> <li>Identify the core ethical principles (autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice) as they apply to TCIM research.</li> </ol>
Dr. Mohammed Khalil	Analyze common ethical challenges in TCIM research, such     as placebo use, informed consent in diverse cultural



contexts, and integration with conventional medicine protocols.
<ul> <li>7.30 - 7.45 IRBs, Informed consent and placebo</li> <li>3. Evaluate the role of ethics review boards (IRBs/ERBs) in safeguarding participants in TCIM studies.</li> </ul>
7.45- 8.00 Challenges in TCIM ethical research 4. Develop a framework for addressing an ethical dilemma in their own research or practice 8.00 – 8.20 Case study (interactive) 8.20-8.40 feedback and discussion of case study 8.40- 8.50 Conclusion and messages 8.509.00 Q & A

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