

Brocher Foundation Workshop

Towards characterizing ethical obligations arising after conducting health surveys on chronic conditions in resource-constrained settings

November 10-11, 2026

AGENDA

Meeting objectives:

1. To review and identify the current state of practice on ethical obligations related to surveys of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)
2. To discuss current practice and ethical frameworks relevant to surveys of NCDs in LMICs.
3. To start to build consensus on ethical obligations related to surveys of NCDs in LMICs.

Day 1: November 10, 2026

9:00-9:15 am: Welcome and overview of workshop plan (Seema Shah, Justine Davies, Lisa Hirschhorn)

9:15-9:30 am: Brief introductions (round the room)

- Name, institute, country, one thing we would not know from your CV

9:30-10: What is the motivation for developing guidance? (Justine Davies)

- Questions to address and pose to the audience:
 - What do we mean by a consensus?
 - How will we get there?

10-10:30 am: What we think we know now: Existing ethics literature (Seema Shah)

- Questions to the audience:
 - What literature have we not captured?
 - What should we add?

10-30-11: Results of literature review and survey on current practice (Lisa Hirschhorn)

- Questions to the audience:
 - Any areas of literature we haven't included yet?
 - Anything missing from the survey?

- What are the current practices we have not captured?
- What gaps remain for us to fill?

11-11:15 am: Break

11:15-11:30 am: Learning from other areas: The Current State of Practice and Ethics of Returning Results in Genetics and Genomics Research (Jennifer Young)

11:30-11:45 am: Q&A for Jennifer Young

11:45-1:00 pm: Plenary: Multidisciplinary Panel on and the Benefits and Risks of Placing Ethical Obligations on Different Actors (7 mins each)

- Moderator (Justine Davies)
- Speaker 1: Researcher (Saidi Kapiga)
- Speaker 2: Policy and health systems maker (Zandile Mchiza)
- Speaker 3 Sponsor representative (Meriel Flint O’Kane)
- Speaker 4 Journal editor: (Zoe Mullan)
- Speaker 5 Ethicist: (Dorcas Kamuya)

1:00-2:00 pm: Working lunch to reflect on presentations

2:00-2:15 pm: Quick overview of key points from before lunch, break into small groups to work on components of ethical framework (Lisa Hirschhorn)

2:15-3:15: Small Group Breakout Sessions: Review of different options for ethical obligations and what has worked in the past

3:15-3:30: Break

3:30-4:45 pm: Small groups report back to larger group, receive group feedback

4:45-5 pm: Group discussion of plans for Day 2

5 pm: Adjournment for Day 1

6:30 pm: Dinner

Day 2: November 11, 2026

8:30-9:00: Welcome, summary of Day 1, presentation of areas of agreement and points with continued controversy (Lisa/Justine/Seema)

9:00-9:30: Questions, discussion to solidify areas of agreement and continued controversy

9:30-10:30: Working session: Small groups focused on different identified areas of controversy

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45-12:00: Working session: Next steps and tasks/assignments

12:00-12:30: Final discussion: What other research and work is needed, and what did we miss?

12:30: Close of workshop