

## Singapore establishes biomedical ethics centre

A new Centre for Biomedical Ethics has been established at School of medicine of the National University of [Singapore](#) (NUS), aiming to enhance public understanding of ethical issues in biomedicine.

According to local media Channel NewsAsia report on Friday, research in this field is expected to enhance patient care and also support scientific practices, as Singapore aims to be an international biomedical research hub.

It will implement a formal ethics curriculum for undergraduate medical students, and later roll out to practicing doctors who attend courses by the Singapore Medical Council.

The report said the centre is the only one of its kind in the Southeast Asia and it plans to organize regional bioethics seminars to share its expertise.

The emphasis of the centre will be placed on the issue of stem cell research, particularly the way stem cells may be used in therapy.

And it will work with scientists, doctors, lawmakers and philosophers to develop an ethical compass in conducting research.

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