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Concept Clearance

BIOETHICS RESEARCH IN BIOMEDICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE
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Background

• Ethical challenges arise in the design, conduct, implementation, and dissemination of biomedical research across the entire translation spectrum.
• Bioethics research questions span all scientific domains and many cross domains.
• Ethical, legal, and social issues can arise at multiple stages of research.
• Many issues require empiric data to address the question; normative frameworks are also valuable.
• Currently no mechanism for targeting high priority bioethics areas of interest to NIH.
Summary of Concept

• Significant bioethical, legal, or social question impacting ongoing/future research or its translation
• Results expected to contribute knowledge that will enhance ethical conduct, application, social value of biomedical and translational research
• Questions in all biomedical scientific domains eligible
• Questions impacting all phases/types of research eligible; e.g., basic, pre-clinical, clinical, clinical implementation, or population health
• Empirical and conceptual bioethics research allowed
• Dedicated review in CSR and cross IC collaboration
Why NCATS?

• Ethical, legal, or social issues impede advance of discoveries into improved health
• Engage bioethicists, legal scholars, and social researchers in translation
• Address unmet systemic need for knowledge addressing high priority ethical challenges
• Projects require collaboration of multiple disciplines, domains, and/or funders
• Likely to have a transformative impact on translation
• Trans-NIH initiative leadership