

Fostering Teaching, Research and Dialogue: The Singapore Experience

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Outline

- The Singapore Centre
- What can be achieved
- The Future

Brief History

- CBmE was established in 2006 at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine of National University of Singapore.
- It operates under the direction of Alastair V. Campbell, who was until 2013 also the Chen Su Lan Centennial Professor of Medical Ethics, a position established in honour of one of the nation's best known philanthropists, the late Dr Chen Su Lan.
- Professor Thomas Murray is currently the Visiting Chen Su Lan Professor of Medical Ethics.
- In December 2008, CBmE published the inaugural issue (and then subsequent issues) of the quarterly online journal *Asian Bioethics Review* in collaboration with the Hastings Center.
- In March 2014, CBmE has been designated the first Collaborating Centre in Asia of the World Health Organization in the field of Bioethics.

Centre for Biomedical Ethics (CBmE) Objectives

- Initiating multi-disciplinary research projects in biomedical ethics in collaboration with academics and professionals in the biomedical sciences and in clinical medicine
- Planning and implementing an integrated teaching programme in medical ethics for NUS undergraduate medical students
- Fostering international research collaborations, linking with centres in Asia, the USA, Australasia and Europe
- Collaborating with ethics governance and advisory bodies in Singapore, especially the Bioethics Advisory Committee
- Enhancing public understanding of ethical issues in biomedicine
- Promoting conferences and seminars in biomedical ethics at national, regional and international level

CBmE Multicultural and Multi-Professional Staff - 1

Academic- Fulltime

Professor Director (UK) – Philosophy/Theology

Associate Professor (Undergraduate Director) (Canada/ Hong Kong Chinese)-
Music /Philosophy

Associate Professor (Postgraduate) (Singapore) - Philosophy

Assistant Professor (Singapore) - Law

Assistant Professor (UK) – Science, Law and Ethics

Lecturer (Singapore) – Philosophy/Confucianism

Adjuncts – Geriatrics, Psychiatry, General Practice

Tutors (Clinicians) - 25

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Multicultural Staff - 2

Research

Senior Research Fellow (Philippines) - Philosophy

Adjunct Senior Research Staff (UK) - Law

Research Associate (Denmark) - Theology

Research Associate (Singapore) – Health Sciences

Research Assistant (Belgium) – Medical Tourism

Research Assistant (Singapore) – Health Sciences

General Research Profile

CBmE undertakes a wide range of bioethics research, much of it in collaboration with overseas institutions, including:

- Biobanking – Academic and Regulatory Policies
- Clinical Ethics
- End of Life Issues
- Health systems research & Universal Health Coverage
- Public Health and Infectious Diseases
- Research Ethics
 - New Technologies (e.g. stem cell research and neuroethics)
 - Concept of vulnerability
 - Genetics
- Research Integrity
- Tissue and Organ Transplantation

Teaching

- Undergraduate
- Post-graduate
- Inter-professional

Public Awareness

- Conferences
- Schools Programme
- Science Centre (Bioethics Trail)

The Future

- Regional Collaborations
- Improving the Quality of Public Debate
- Supporting Clinicians throughout their careers (CPD)