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## NEWS

**Different age groups may get different Covid vaccines, experts say** - Nicola Davis // The Guardian  
*Oxford/Astra Zeneca is planning a lower dose trial of a Covid-19 vaccine for older adults.*

**Is it worth carrying on as a guinea pig, if a vaccine has already been found?** - Francis Beckett // The Guardian  
*A 75 year old volunteer wonders if he should consider continuing in Covid-19 vaccine trials.*

**Can an Algorithm Prevent Suicide?** - Benedict Carey // New York Times  
*Using AI in suicide prevention: analytics are changing assessments of who is at greatest risk.*

## PUBLICATIONS

**Loopholes in the Research Ethics System? Informed Consent Waivers in Cluster Randomized Trials with Individual-Level Intervention** - Alex John London, Monica Taljaard, Charles Weijer // Ethics & Human Research  
*Should the bar for waivers of consent for individual-cluster trials be lower than for individual randomized trials?*

**Standards of Evidence for Institutional Review Board Decision-Making** - David Resnik // Accountability in Research  
*Intuition, emotion and rational reflection can play an important part in IRB decision making.*

**Reconsidering scarce drug rationing: implications for clinical research** - Zev M Nakamura, Douglas P MacKay, Arlene M Davis, et al // Journal of Medical Ethics  
*Balancing clinical and research needs for scarce drugs.*

**Using the concept of “deserved trust” to strengthen the value and integrity of biomedical research** - Mark Yarborough // Accountability in Research  
*How can the public’s trust in biomedical research be better supported?*

**Thought Leader Comparisons of Risks in Precision Medicine Research** - Laura M. Beskow, Catherine M. Hammack-Aviran, Kathleen M. Brelsford // Ethics & Human Research  
*The authors asked “thought leaders” in biomedical research what type of data collection poses the biggest risk to participants.*

## BLOGS

**Could the Common Cold Help Stop Covid-19? We Need to Know—Now.** - Kevin M. Esvelt and Carolyn P. Neuhaus // Hastings Bioethics Forum  
*The authors call for an immediate research effort into determining whether exposure to the common cold positively impacts susceptibility to and severity of Covid-19.*

**Heritable human genome editing: making ‘societal dialogue’ meaningful** - Jackie Leach Scully // Nuffield Bioethics Blog  
*What will public engagement regarding the ethics of HHGE require to do such engagement properly?*

**Vaccine Approval and Public Trust: The Dynamic Factors Influencing When a COVID-19 Vaccine is “Safe Enough”** - Berkleee Robins & Ashley Sweet // Bioethics.net  
*Public concerns must be addressed before approving a Covid-19 vaccine.*

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