

Biomedical research projects in developing countries

Biomedical research projects in developing countries that are financed by Denmark and/or under the leadership of Danish researchers – regardless of the source of financing – may be submitted to the Danish National Committee on Biomedical Research Ethics for the purpose of obtaining a consultative statement to the researcher. This statement is made in accordance with the standards of biomedical research ethics under Danish law. This is a voluntary arrangement.

No reporting form is to be used, but project description etc. shall be forwarded to:

Den Centrale Videnskabetiske Komité
(The Danish National Committee on Biomedical Research Ethics)
Slotholmsgade 12
DK-1216 Copenhagen K

As with any other Danish legislation, the rules under the Act on a committee system of biomedical research ethics and the handling of biomedical research projects apply only in Denmark.

Therefore no obligation lies with a chief investigator to seek approval in Denmark of biomedical research projects that take place outside Denmark.

However, many researchers do wish to have such an approval, and the National Committee on Biomedical Research Ethics finds that it is relevant and appropriate to assist Danish researchers with a research ethical evaluation of their projects in developing countries.

Since matters concerning developing countries are not covered by the rules under the Act on a committee system of biomedical research ethics and the handling of biomedical research projects, no decisions are made in developing-country matters, but in stead a consultative statement is provided to the researcher. This statement is made in accordance with the standards of biomedical research ethics under Danish law. This is a voluntary arrangement.

Research projects in developing countries are often of a nature different from research projects in industrialised countries, and it is therefore appropriate that a group of people within the committee achieve the professional knowledge required in these cases. For that purpose is established a special subcommittee to consider such research projects.