

Equity in clinical trial partnerships: a review of international research ethics guidance and guidelines

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Why equity and fairness matter



Global clinical trials rely on trust

Without fair partnerships, research fails communities



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Context

Clinical trial partnerships favoured HIC interests



Global research ethics frameworks

The study



9 documents central
to clinical trials ethics



CIOMS, WMA, ICH,
GCTC



Content analysis



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Conceptual gaps

No universal definition of an equitable partnership



No dedicated framework



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Representation gaps



- Whose voices shape the guidelines?
- Equity starts with representation
- Minimal voices from LMICs



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Practical gaps

Enforcement



Metrics



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Five key themes



Ethical
Foundations



Contextual
determinants



Activities and
dynamics



Oversight



Sustainability



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Ethical foundations



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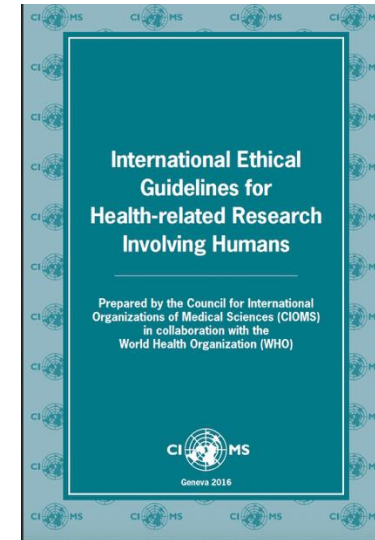
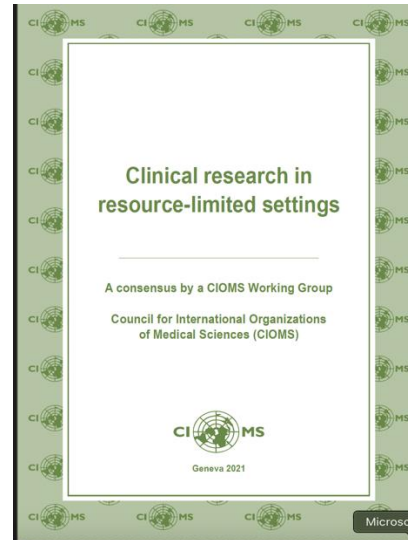
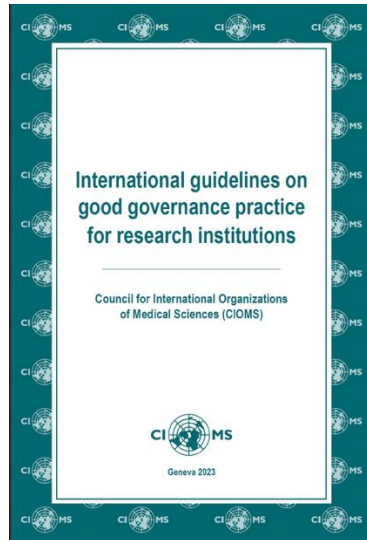
Partnership activities, procedures & dynamics



- Less clarity on the funding mechanism

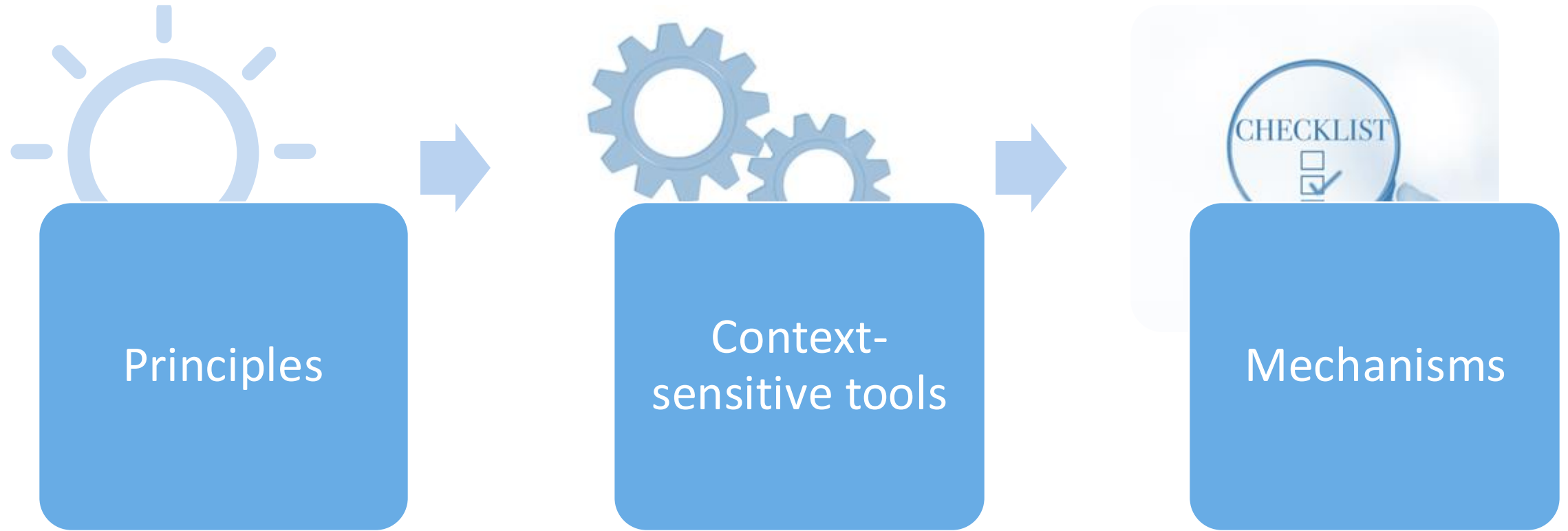
Implications for practice and policy

Revise. Don't multiply.



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Develop standards on equity in clinical trial partnerships



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Establish independent oversight committees?



- Develop guidance
- Monitor partnership practices
- Conflict resolution



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Roadmap



- Convene a stakeholders meeting
- Clinical trialists
- Funders
- Regulators
- Best practices framework



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**Equity is a measure of integrity:
embed it throughout the research
process!**



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