

The First Open Expert Meeting on the Revision of the

**WMA**

**Declaration of Taipei (DoT)**

Taipei Taiwan

December 4-5, 2025

on Ethical Considerations regarding Health Databases and Biobanks



# Welcome Message

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I am of considerable pleasure to represent Taiwan Medical Association and over 58,252 physicians in Taiwan to give our genuine welcome and appreciation for your participation in **The First Open Expert Meeting on the Revision of the WMA Declaration of Taipei (DoT) in Taipei**. I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all who have dedicated themselves to this field over the years. Your sustained commitment has made it possible for us to further strengthen ethical standards in clinical practice and research at a time when data intensity and rapid cross-border information flows define the global landscape.

The WMA Taipei Declaration, first announced in 2016 in this very city, centers on the governance of health databases and biobanks. In the face of emerging challenges—such as generative artificial intelligence, digital health innovation, and multicenter research—it serves as a timely reminder of the importance of maintaining balance between public interest and the protection of individual rights.

The WMA Declaration of Taipei is anchored in three fundamental principles:

**Dignity and autonomy**—all data and specimen collection, storage, and use must be based on voluntary and informed consent, accompanied by the right of withdrawal.

**Independent oversight and transparency**—the establishment and operation of databases must undergo independent ethical review and clearly disclose their purposes, risks, access mechanisms, retention and destruction policies, return of results, and the regulatory framework governing cross-border transfer and commercial use.

**Public interest and equity**—research must adhere to scientific rigor, ensure a fair allocation of risks and benefits, provide heightened safeguards for vulnerable populations, and promote meaningful community engagement.

This meeting will focus on three key areas: refining consent models, enhancing transparency in data governance, and defining legal and ethical boundaries for the secondary use of data in the context of artificial intelligence.

We look forward to reaching a shared understanding of governance frameworks that will enable ethics committees to strengthen their oversight—through standardized indicators, templates for data and specimen transfer agreements, incident reporting mechanisms, and remediation procedures—while ensuring that cultural sensitivities and community interests are duly respected.

Taipei is more than a geographic name; it symbolizes our cooperative commitment to professionalism, ethical integrity, and societal trust. May the Declaration of Taipei continue to resonate alongside the WMA Declaration of Helsinki, safeguarding human rights and advancing research innovations and human health welfare. I wish this meeting every success.

# **The First Open Expert Meeting on the Revision of the WMA Declaration of Taipei (DoT) on Ethical Considerations regarding Health Databases and Biobanks**

**Thursday 4th December 2025**

13:00 – 13:30	<b>Registration</b>
13:30 – 13:45	<b>Opening remarks</b> Zion Hagay, Chair, DoT Workgroup Jacqueline Kitulu, President, World Medical Association Hsiang-Kuo Chen, President, Taiwan Medical Association Tai-Yuan Chiu, Honorary President, Taiwan Medical Association/ Former Minister of Health and Welfare, Taiwan
13:45 – 15:20	<b>Session 1: The History and Ethical Principles of the Declaration of Taipei</b>  <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cheng-Hsu Wang, Legislator, Legislative Yuan, Taiwan/ Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine, Chang Gung University</li><li>Zion Hagay, Chair DoT workgroup, Chair Socio-Medico Affairs Committee, World Medical Association</li></ul> <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jon Snaedal, Past President, World Medical Association</li><li>Hans van Delden, CIOMS</li><li>Feline von der Heydt, Former WMA Intern / Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General, World Medical Association</li></ul> <b>Discussion</b>
15:20 – 15:40	<b>Break</b>
15:40 – 17:00	<b>Session 2: AI and the Declaration of Taipei - Applying AI to Health Databases and Biobanks</b>  <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leah Wapner, Secretary General, Israeli Medical Association</li><li>Meng-Chih LEE, Professor and Senior Consultant, Taichung Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan</li></ul> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sanjay Kashalkar, Architect, Amazon Web Services</li><li>Chien-Chang Lee, Director of Department of Information Management, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan</li><li>Ethan Tu, Founder of Taiwan AI Labs</li></ul> <b>Discussion</b>
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Conclusion</b> Brian Chang, Secretary General, Taiwan Medical Association WONCA President, Asia Pacific Region Leah Wapner, Secretary General, Israeli Medical Association
18:30 – 21:00	<b>Dinner</b>

Friday, 5th December 2025

09:00 – 10:15 **Session 3: Legal implications of AI use in Health Data**

**Moderator**

- JungYul Park, President-elect, World Medical Association/Professor, Korea University College of Medicine
- Christopher Lindholm, Chair Medical Ethics Committee, World Medical Association

**Speakers:**

- Jonathan Wapner, Expert in Health and Intellectual Property
- Daniel Fu-Chang Tsai, Professor, National Taiwan University College of Medicine
- Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General, World Medical Association

Discussion

10:15 – 10:45 **Break**

10:45 – 12:00 **Session 4: Governance, Transparency, and Trust**

**Moderator**

- Shao-Yi Cheng, Director / Professor of Family Medicine, National Taiwan University
- Jack Resneck, Jr., Chair of Council, World Medical Association

**Keynote Speech – Ryuichi Ida, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Doshisha university, Japan**

**Panel Q&A**

**Panelists:**

- Chien-Te Fan, Professor, Institute of Law for Science and Technology, National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)
- Ryuichi Ida, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Doshisha university Japan
- Nai-Yu Chen, Councilor, New Taipei City Council, Taiwan
- Ding-Cheng Chan, Superintendent, National Taiwan University Hospital Bei-Hu Branch

Discussion

12:00 – 12:30 **Conclusion**

Jack Resneck, Jr., Chair of Council, World Medical Association  
Zion Hagay, Chair of DoT Workgroup

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 17:00 **DoT Workgroup only**

## Saturday, 6 December

08:30	Tour- Depart from the hotel lobby on time
09:00-10:30	Visit the National Palace Museum
11:00-12:30	Visit the 2025 Taiwan Healthcare Expo
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:30	Return to the Courtyard by Marriott Taipei Downtown



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