

African Women as Clinical Research Subjects: Unaddressed Issue in Global Bioethics

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ABSTRACT This paper will outline the implications of the practice of the African bride-price for African women as clinical research subjects. Explanations will be given as to why this practice is incompatible with securing first person voluntary informed consent. Possible solutions will be discussed, and how such solution could be made into public policy. The paper concludes by arguing that such hindrances to giving first person voluntary informed consent further marginalise clinical research subjects, who must already be regarded as vulnerable.