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## Concerns about research ethics: Indian and New Zealand studies of cervical pre-cancer and screening.

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There have been rumblings of concern about the ethics of a prospective study of cervical pre-cancer in India, and about a number of randomized controlled trials in India designed to assess the effect of screening on incidence and death rates from cervical cancer. I have been asked, by the editor of the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, to compare the ethical issues raised by these studies with the issues raised by the prospective study of cervical pre-cancer undertaken in New Zealand - the 'unfortunate experiment'.



Charlotte Paul is a public health physician and epidemiologist who has had a long interest in research ethics. She was a medical advisor to the judge for the Cervical Cancer Inquiry in 1987-88.

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