

IARC Ethics Advisory Group (EAG)

Terms of Reference

Ethical review at the Agency is performed by the IARC Ethics Committee (IEC). On occasion, to deliver certain expertise which might be required but not be available within the IEC, a small group of international experts is being assembled as the IARC Ethics Advisory Group (EAG). Their advice will be sought on demand and they will be invited on an ad hoc basis to the IEC or to provide written advice.

The role of the Group will be as follows:

1. To be available for consultation by the IEC and provide ad hoc advice concerning policy for ethical evaluation of IARC projects.
2. To provide advice to the IEC Chair in cases where a Principal Investigator appeals against the decision of the IEC, or where a member of the IEC records a dissenting opinion in the meeting minutes.
3. To provide a general advisory role to IEC members when necessary.

The Group will not have the power to make decisions on the ethical evaluation of individual projects and will assume a purely advisory role. It will therefore not be required to meet formally and will have no specific term of office. However, in order to enable effective exchanges with the IEC, one joint meeting will be held every two years. Renewal of EAG membership will be on an annual basis with tacit agreement of the EAG member and the IARC Governing Council Chair.