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## **REIGN – Use of Research Evidence to Inform Guidance regarding Normative-ethical Topics**

### **Projektbearbeitung**

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## **Short Project Description**

The World Health Organization (WHO) is the directing and coordinating authority for international health within the United Nation’s system. As such the WHO develops guidance for various actors on how to improve health and how to combat diseases in an ethically acceptable manner. WHO has developed standards to ensure that available empirical evidence is identified and adequately considered in the development of guidance documents on more technical questions such as intervention effectiveness or cost-effectiveness. These standards build on the evidence-based medicine paradigm, established systematic review methods, and explicit evidence-to-decision frameworks (e.g. the GRADE/DECIDE framework).

In addition to such technical documents, WHO also addresses ethical issues and their adequate handling in guidance documents. The processes for developing these types of guidance documents are not as well established, and it is much less clear what role evidence should play when discussing ethical issues or writing recommendations. The WHO therefore initiated the REIGN (Use of Research Evidence to Inform Guidance regarding Normative-ethical Topics) project to develop a framework explicating the role of evidence in the development of ethics guidelines.