

# A Community Forum 'Tok Save' on Research in Papua New Guinea

*Tok Save* (pronounced "toke SAH-vay") is a phrase from Melanesian Tok Pisin, the major working language of Papua New Guinea. It means "news" as a noun, and "to inform [someone of something important]" as a verb.

Monday, May 23, 2011

## *Agenda*

8:30—8:50 am **Welcome / Opening Remarks**

Charles H. King, M.D.  
Case Western Reserve University

8:50—9:15 **Keynote**

Michael Alpers, MBBS (Adel), MA (Camb), FTWAS,  
FACTM, FAFPHM  
Curtin University of Technology in Western Australia

9:15—10:15 **Culture of Papua New Guinea**

William Pomat, Ph.D.  
Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research

Deborah Lehmann, Ph.D.  
Telethon Institute for Child Health Research

10:15—10:30 **Break**

10:30 am—  
12:30 pm **Conducting and Reviewing International Research**

*Moderator*  
Suzanne M. Rivera, Ph.D., M.S.W.  
Case Western Reserve University

*Panelists*  
Joseph Gibbons, M.D.  
Case Western Reserve University  
University Hospitals Case Medical Center

James W. Kazura, M.D.  
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William Pomat, Ph.D.  
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\* The goals of this pilot project are to reduce regulatory barriers and enhance harmonization of the joint review of protocols, develop and implement a targeted research compliance monitoring program, and provide education and bioethics training for the members of the University Hospitals Case Medical Center Institutional Review Board (UHCMC IRB) and the Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research IRB (PNG IMR IRB) that will assist in the review of joint protocols and provide additional focus toward human subjects protections.