

Performance enhancement: Ethical issues and dilemmas?

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Workshop Outline

The excitement and ceremony of the 2012 Olympics is approaching. The spotlight will be on the participating international athletes and their performances. With this increased attention on these elite athletes there will also be a possibility of performance enhancement by some athletes. In this introductory look at the ethics of performance enhancement, we will explore the use of drugs and genetic technologies in enhancing the performance of animals, in curing human disease and disability, and in elite sport for example, the Olympic Games. This workshop will be highly interactive. Facilitated discussions, case studies and debates will be utilised to explore the ethical issues underlying performance enhancement in each of these areas.