Experience of a research ethics committee and the challenges of the new Chilean legislation on research in human beings Experiencia del comité de Ética de investigación en seres humanos de la facultad de medicina de la universidad de Chile y los desafíos

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© 2014, Sociedad Medica de Santiago. All rights reserved. The welfare of research participants must be guaranteed by international ethical standards. This article communicates the procedures of the Research Ethics Committee of the School of Medicine, University of Chile (CEISH). The new Chilean legislation on research in human beings is also discussed. Law 20.120: ?On scientific research in human beings, its genome and forbidding human cloning? establishes the ethical principles that must be accomplished in every research involving human beings. Article 28 of the Law 20.584 ?Regulation of the rights and duties of health care users?, forbids the participation of handicapped people who cannot express their will in scientific research. Article 13 states that people not related directly with patient care cannot have access to his clinical records (with the exception of people with notarial authorization by the patient). CEISH proposes that, in case of people with intellectual deficiency, t