



DIALOGUE 176

Why Common Rule-Compliant Consent Fails Prospective Research Participants

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The Nuremberg Code deems informed consent “absolutely essential” to the ethical conduct of clinical research and the newly revised Common Rule states that research participants must have the “key information that is most likely to assist a prospective subject ... in understanding the reasons why one might or might not want to participate in the research.” This talk will propose that IRB-approved informed consent processes often fail to provide research candidates with the pertinent information that would help them decide whether they want to participate in research; and suggest ways to better assure truly informed consent so that we can have greater confidence that clinical research is in fact being conducted ethically.

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