Ethical Study Design is Good Science
Half-day Workshop

Identification of ethical issues raised by human research studies is often thought to be the responsibility of the IRB, and largely unrelated to the design of the study. Many of the study design decisions made by research teams carry direct ethical implications, however, and ideally study design incorporates ethical considerations. This interactive workshop will examine the pivotal points of research design and the ethical questions that should be addressed at each step of the way. Through discussion, activities, and case studies, participants will learn to recognize potential ethical pitfalls, and analyze how addressing ethical concerns at various stages of study design can improve the science of the study.

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AGENDA

8:00-8:15 AM Welcome and Introduction
8:15-8:45 AM Principles behind human research study review
  Interpreting the regulations: Controversies and ambiguities
8:45-10:00 AM Elements of study design – introduction to small group work
  • Sample size considerations
  • Randomization
  • Blinding
10:00-10:15 AM Break
10:15 AM-11:00 AM Ethical issues – guided case studies
  • Enrollment criteria
  • Control groups
  • Research questions/general design/outcome measures
11:00 AM-11:30 AM Independent small group case studies
11:30-12:00 PM Large group discussion and debriefing, recommendation of relevant resources, and closing remarks
12:00 PM Adjournment

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