Dialogue 8

The Challenges of Human Research
– An African Perspective

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Lunch will be provided

Some of the challenges of conducting human subjects research in Africa are familiar to Western investigators – and some are not. From dealing with as many as 200 local languages and dialects in the consent process to taking responsibility for the follow-up care of research volunteers, the obstacles to conducting high-quality studies are as difficult to overcome as they are interesting.

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