Dialogue 7:

Human Subjects and Randomized Trials

Noon, Friday, March 19, 1993, RMSB 3109
Lunch will be provided

Scientific responsibilities are never as great, and scientific rights are never as precious, as when we use humans as subjects for our research. What factors shape the ethical bounds of human experimentation? What scientific sacrifices must be made to avoid unacceptable risk to subjects? Indeed, when is a risk unacceptable? Key issues include the following: informed consent; randomizing, double blinding, use of placebos and the termination problem; and the rights and roles of women and minorities.

Co-chairs of the seventh dialogue are Jay M. Sosenko, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Chairman, UM/JMH Institutional Review Board, and Kenneth Goodman, Ph.D., Director of the Forum for Medical Ethics and Philosophy.

A reading packet will be sent on request. Copies of the packet will be placed on reserve in the Microbiology and Immunology library (RMSB 3109).

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