Dialogue 6

More than Consent: IRBs and Human Subjects Research

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Lunch will be provided

Human studies committees or institutional review boards (IRBs) have an ensemble of essential functions related to protecting human subjects. Perhaps the best-known role is that of evaluating the need for and quality of the consent process. This task consists in more than scrutinizing the consent documents offered to potential subjects. It includes risk-benefit analyses, recruitment oversight, study monitoring and other obligations that are sometimes vexing to investigators but essential for protecting subjects.

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