Dialogue 4

Advice on Consent:
Informing Subjects of Complex Research

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Lunch will be provided

Obtaining informed or valid consent is a centerpiece of ethical human subjects research. Yet the consent process is sometimes self-defeating, as when attempts to provide comprehensive information to subjects actually overwhelm them with a level of detail that may diminish comprehension. Some ideas for striking a balance between adequate and daunting levels of information will be explored.

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