Dialogue 2

Drug Abusers as Vulnerable Subjects

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Lunch will be provided

For three decades, and especially since the beginning of AIDS research, studies of illegal drug users recruited in their natural habitats have formed an important part of the research agendas of federal agencies. The study of people engaged in illegal activities poses knotty ethical problems related to protection of human participants in research. For instance, the use of informant fees, participation bonuses and other incentives presents complicated ethical challenges to researchers, especially when it comes to obtaining valid consent.

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