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# DIALOGUES IN RESEARCH ETHICS

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## Dialogue 4:

### Data Selection and Computers in Research

Noon, December 18, 1992, RMSB 3109

Lunch will be provided

Scientists often do their best work when they know what to ignore. But information selection, recording and processing are complex tasks and it is often unclear whether and when it is appropriate to include particular data. When computers and sophisticated statistical packages are used, the responsibilities of researchers are broadened. Among the topics to be discussed at this dialogue is the use of computational outcomes research on hospital patients (e.g., APACHE systems).

Co-chairs of the fourth dialogue are Jeffrey S. Augenstein, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Medical Computer Systems Laboratory and Associate Professor of Surgery and Anesthesiology, and Kenneth Goodman, Ph.D., Director of the UM Forum for Medical Ethics and Philosophy.

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