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DIALOGUES IN RESEARCH ETHICSDialogue 4**Geriatrics and Vulnerability****Beth Virnig, Ph.D., MPH, and Robert Morgan, Ph.D.**

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—————→ Lunch will be provided ←————

Increased attention to research on vulnerable populations is motivated by concerns for human subject protection. Geriatric populations are generally regarded as vulnerable, in part because of the diminished capacity experienced by many elders. But such a view is arguably patronizing and simplistic—and might impede research on geriatric populations. We will consider how robust a notion of vulnerability is appropriate for research on geriatric populations and what the implications of such conclusions might be.

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