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DIALOGUES IN RESEARCH ETHICSDialogue 5**The Unethical Use of Placebo Controls****Karin B. Michels, Sc.D.***Harvard University***12 Noon, Friday, Jan. 30, 1998****VAMC Conference Room 207****(Research & Education Bldg., across from library)**

—————→ *Lunch will be provided* ←————

Placebo controls are still used in clinical trials in which an active treatment is approved and available and could be used as a control. The Declaration of Helsinki mandates that subjects in clinical trials receive the best available therapy. Yet government bodies as well as drug manufacturers demand placebo controls for Phase-III clinical trials. What motivates these apparently unethical requirements?

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