

**DIALOGUES IN RESEARCH ETHICS**Dialogue 5**Temptations in Gene Therapy Research****Bernard Gert, Ph.D.***Dartmouth College***12 Noon, Friday, February 18, 2000****Rosenstiel Building 6018 (Pharmacology Conference Room)**

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Although there is great potential benefit to be gained from research into gene therapy, there is also great danger, as evidenced by the recent death in Pennsylvania of an 18-year-old study subject. The rewards for being first to make a significant discovery are so enormous, not only in money, but also in prestige and status, that the temptations to proceed without proper caution are almost overwhelming. These benefits and risks merit our most thoughtful deliberation.

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