

DIALOGUES IN RESEARCH ETHICSDialogue 3**Should 'Good Science' be an
Ethical Requirement by IRB's?****Ben Mulvey, Ph.D.***Nova Southeastern University***12 Noon, Friday, Nov. 19, 1999
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IRBs are made up predominantly of scientists looking at other scientists' research proposals. A comment often heard in IRB meetings is, "We have no business scrutinizing a study's research design. We are only supposed to look for ethical breaches." This claim amounts to the view that once a scientist has designed an experiment, the IRB's job is to make sure it conforms to regulations concerning ethical involvement of human subjects in research. This is a mistake: Unless IRBs specifically scrutinize research design, a large part of their ethical mandate cannot be carried out.

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