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Ethical and Regulatory Issues in Outcomes and Health Services Research

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—————> Lunch will be provided <—————

Problems associated with quality improvement and health services research have ethical, regulatory and scientific dimensions. Thus: Should quality improvement studies be regulated by IRBs? If so, which studies and under what conditions? When must consent be obtained, and when may it be waived? (For example, when interventions are assigned to different clinics rather than to different patients, all patients at a given clinic perforce must participate). What ethical issues are raised by cost-effectiveness studies?

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