

Dialogue 6

Conflict of Interest in Clinical Research

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Conflict of interest, potential or actual, is a problem for clinical researchers. Some propose avoiding it altogether, while others assert that it can be managed with appropriate policies, acknowledgement and oversight. This presentation examines the nature of conflict of interest, illustrates its potential for damage and reviews current approaches to reducing its influence on clinical research.

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