

# DIALOGUES IN RESEARCH ETHICS

## Dialogue 7

# Clinical Trial(s) and Error: Acquiring and Applying Evidence

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**12 Noon – 1:00 P.M., Friday, April 4, 2003**

**Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Room 207 (across from Library)**

—————→ Lunch will be provided ←————  
(No RSVP required)

**Day-to-day clinical work entails much more than the use of medical knowledge to combat disease. There is also continuous development of often unstated guidelines for providing care, constantly modified through trial and error. This situation must be taken into account by any push for evidence-based medicine and by philosophical and ethical systems that imagine a sharp distinction between the generation and application of scientific knowledge.**

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