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'Therapeutic Jurisprudence' and Incompetent Research Subjects

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—————> Lunch will be provided
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People suffering from dementia and other forms of disability may not satisfy the usual requirements of competency to consent to participation in research. Should standards of competency in this context be relaxed so as to allow consent to participation in research to be given by the subject's surrogate or healthcare proxy? This presentation will suggest that debate in this area has insufficiently taken into account an additional consideration – the therapeutic possibilities.

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