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## Dialogue 2

# Developmental Disability: Unique Challenges for Research

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**Improving care of and services for people with disabilities is and ought to remain a high moral priority. This bold-face obligation can be a challenge to meet, especially in the case of children with developmental disability. Historical insight and current discrimination provide some of the context for understanding why human subjects research is more complicated in persons with developmental disability. Nevertheless, mental retardation does not automatically disqualify someone from being competent to make health care decisions – or provide consent for research.**

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