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Dialogue 1

Studying Medical Failure: Ethical and Regulatory Challenges

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—————> Lunch will be provided <—————
(No RSVPs required)

Safety in clinical care has become an important research and policy issue, but traditional biomedical research models are ill-suited to it. This creates four classes of issues in the ethical oversight of safety-related research: (1) unfamiliar models of scientific activity; (2) identifying the subject, when for instance the study involves a health care worker and a medical device; (3) problems of consent when the unit of study is not an individual (e.g., cluster interventions or studies of clinical units); and (4) potential intervention (should researchers intervene if they think they see something wrong?).

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