

Dialogue 2

How to Give Valid Consent for Research That's Not Good for You

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—————> Lunch will be provided
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This session uses the recent book by ophthalmologist and law professor Jerry Menikoff, *What the Doctor Didn't Say: The Hidden Truth about Medical Research* (Oxford 2006), as a springboard. The book claims that participation in a clinical trial frequently is not in the participant's self-interest and that the current processes for informed consent are inadequate to assure that a participant has made a knowing choice to act contrary to her self-interest. This presentation will summarize Menikoff's claims and provide additional context to foster discussion about whether and, if so, how, we can be sure that processes of obtaining consent meet legal and ethical standards.

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