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The Science Forest and the IRB Trees: Why Research Environments Matter

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Research ethics is often discussed narrowly as if it were only or primarily concerned with informed consent of study participants, risk assessment of study protocols, and the role and function of IRBs. However, research takes place within organizational environments and systems, which can either enable *or* hinder the ethical conduct of research. In this presentation, Dr. Gibson will explore how lessons learned about the influence of organizational ethics on patient care in health organizations may help to inform thinking about how to create ethics-enabling research environments.

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