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### DIALOGUES IN RESEARCH ETHICS

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In Person: Rosenstiel Medical Science Building, 4th floor auditorium; a light lunch will be provided

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## There is a Right Answer: Ethics and Health Policy

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The value of scientific knowledge in setting health policy has plunged in recent years. This is because some have failed to sufficiently recognize the role of values in health policy, while others attack the special epistemological status of science itself. In this Dialogue in Research Ethics, we will use a series of related case studies to explore the how applying the proper processes leads to the right outcomes in both clinical and public health ethics. The goal is to identify best practices for combining values and the best information available to solve ethical problems.

At the end of this session, you will be able to

1. Explain some of the strengths and weaknesses of the basis for modern scientific medicine
2. Recognize that values, beliefs, and preferences underlie all health policy
3. Choose a process for making decisions based on scientific information and the values, beliefs, and preferences of the affected population

Dr. Brosco is a clinician-educator who contributes to science by translating evidence-based clinical and organizational practice into ethically optimized public policy. His broad areas of interest are the organization of health care services for children with special health care needs, the education of professionals in family-centered, interprofessional practice, and public policy regarding public health programs such as newborn screening. In each of these areas, Dr. Brosco brings together three broad elements of his training and professional responsibilities: (1) scholarship in history and ethics; (2) practical experience as a clinician, educator, and administrator; and (3) leadership in state and national public policy groups. Since October 2022, he has led the Division of Services for Children with Special Health Needs, part of the federal government's Maternal Child Health Bureau (MCHB) in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). His team is tasked with ensuring that every child in the U.S. receive the medical care and family support they need to play, go to school, and grow up to be healthy adults.

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