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Vulnerable Subjects - Research Involving Workers/Employees

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Quiz Results

You correctly answered **4 of 4** quiz questions.

Question 1

Question	When workers are asked to participate in a research study, vulnerabilities related to the subject's employment may include:
Your Answer	All of the above
Result	Correct
Comment	Workers who serve as research subjects at their place of employment are vulnerable to numerous kinds of pressure from their co-workers, unions, and employers. Pressure can be applied to workers in subtle ways (such as, an employer who comments that if the research concludes that the organization is spending more on healthcare than other similar organizations, there may be lay-offs).

Question 2

Question	Researcher access to confidential records adds to the vulnerability of workers who participate in workplace studies. Inappropriate release of identifiable private information could adversely affect a worker's retention of a job, insurance, or other employment related benefits. To avoid or minimize these risks, the study design must include adequate safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the information collected. A plan for the proper management of study data and records should clearly define:
Your Answer	All of the above
Result	Correct
Comment	Researchers must recognize that the primary harm in social and behavioral research is the breach of confidentiality. This risk of harm is especially significant when the data being collected involves an employee's experiences at their place of employment (for example, a situation where the employers have ongoing efforts to reduce healthcare costs by getting rid of employees who they believe will cause their healthcare insurance premiums to rise).

Question 3

Question	When a research project includes the collection of biological samples, all planned future uses of the samples, identifiers, and the data obtained from the samples, must be fully explained to the research subject.
Your Answer	True
Result	Correct
Comment	Genetic information has the potential to cause significant harm to research subjects if inappropriately disclosed, including harm to a subject's privacy, social standing, family obligations, employment/employability, or insurance/insurability.

Question 4

Question	The federal regulations at 45 CFR 46 provide additional protections for subjects who are workers/employees to protect them from potential risks of harm.
Your Answer	False
Result	Correct
Comment	False. The federal regulations do not classify workers as a vulnerable population.

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