

# Why are we here?

## TBMH's "Lessons in Bullshit" Series

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# Outline

## ① Institutional Approval

Informed Consent

IRB Approval

IACUC Approval

# Pants.

How high can we get them?

Exactly how high can we hike our pants? The esteemed Doris T. Zallen is here today to get to the bottom of it. (Here's a hint: not very high. Give it another decade and they'll inch their way up.

## Informed consent

Don't do things to your subjects that they don't say is okay to do.

(Unless it's just really cool. Right?)

# The Dos and Don'ts

Using accessible language

Can you use the first person? Nah, the IRB doesn't like that.  
[Insert fruity reasons here.] Should you use the word "saliva"?  
Nope! What about lactic acid? God, no! Are you stupid? Like,  
what the hell are you even thinking? I just can't even right now.

# Document Length and Layout

That long? Ain't nobody got time for that!

# Conflicts of Interest

Be nice. Don't be mean. Don't be shady. Yay, now we celebrate.

## Assent from Children

Ooh, why don't we explain it to them using a puppet show? Like, what could be cooler than sticking socks on our hands and making them talk to each other? That'll do the trick!



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