

Basic Principles of Research Ethics

1. Minimizing the risk of harm
 2. Obtaining informed consent
 3. Protecting anonymity
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Institutional Review Board (IRB)

- A type of committee that applies research ethics by reviewing the methods proposed for research to ensure that they are ethical
- IRB protocol is very different from personal trust and ethics
 - IRB protocol and medical jargon can make patients uncomfortable
- How can we compare ethics as a relationship to ethics in medicine?

Tom McGoldrick, ‘*Where is the “Post” in Posttraumatic Stress Disorder?*’

Military psychiatry

- McGoldrick has to make decisions that involve understanding that the patient may want to do things that cause them harm
 - McGoldrick had to write letters to say the veteran was not fit to serve again
- What are the implications of these letters that McGoldrick wrote?
 - He supported not the client, but the individual that he was working with.
- Where is the line between professional and personal?

Misc.

- The train dilemma
- Ethical dilemmas that you can’t really be trained to deal with

Next Reading: Shana Lessing, “The Wartime Clinic”