

The Ethics of Clinical Research



The AIDS Clinical Trials Information & Orientation Network (ACTION) invites you to join us for this free lunch presentation featuring:

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DC Care Consortium
1156 15th Street NW, Suite 500

What makes a research trial ethical? How have tragic incidents like the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment shaped the way we do research today? Join us for this in-depth look at the ethics of clinical research

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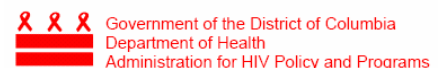
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Dr. Christine Grady traces her decision to care for people with HIV/AIDS and her interest in their rights and related ethical issues back to early influences. Her parents took her to civil rights marches at a young age, and those experiences instilled in her a long-lasting sense of social responsibility, she says.

As a nursing and biology student at Georgetown during the 60s and 70s, she joined a grassroots group working for the rights of the mentally ill. In the early 80s, she spent two years at a hospital in Brazil working for Project Hope, an international health organization.

Attracted by the opportunity to be involved in research, Dr. Grady came to the NIH Clinical Center in 1983. In caring for her first AIDS patients, she learned they desired to be recognized as individuals whose thoughts, feelings, and life experiences influenced how they coped with their disease. The testimonials of these patients affected her strongly. Beginning in 1985, Dr. Grady traveled across the country giving seminars to nurses on AIDS patient care.

Throughout the AIDS epidemic, doctors and nurses have grappled with many ethical issues. Dr. Grady became so interested in these issues that she returned to Georgetown to obtain a Ph.D. in Bioethics. Her Ph.D. thesis, *The Search for an AIDS Vaccine: Ethical Issues in the Development and Testing of a Preventive AIDS Vaccine*, was published as a book. She currently heads the section on human subject research in the NIH Department of Clinical Bioethics.