

Graduate Category

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Ensuring Protection of Human Research Subjects in Post-traumatic Settings

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Abstract

The purpose of this research was to look at current ethical guidelines and approaches in dealing with research done on human subjects who have experienced post-disaster and traumatic effects. Disasters can be due to economic conditions, war zones, psychological trauma and other hardships that might have major influences on the capacity to consent and participate in research trials. Peer-reviewed articles were analyzed for guidelines, approaches, and regulations. Keywords were used to search for related articles and subject matter. Results showed that there were recurring themes in gaps and lack of specificity and detail in guidelines provided in these research settings. Due to so much generality found in guidelines and terms of vulnerability, a lot of work still needs to be done in order to refine guidelines and ensure that patient safety and human rights are upheld.