University of Miami/VA Medical Center

DIALOGUES IN RESEARCH ETHICS

Dialogue 4

Advice on Consent: Informing Subjects of Complex Research

Jay M. Sosenko, M.D.

Department of Medicine, University of Miami

12:00 Noon, Friday, January 31, 1997 Sylvester Cancer Center Main Conference Room

T 1		1		
 Lunch	Will	be	provided	

Obtaining informed or valid consent is a centerpiece of ethical human subjects research. Yet the consent process is sometimes self-defeating, as when attempts to provide comprehensive information to subjects actually overwhelm them with a level of detail that may diminish comprehension. Some ideas for striking a balance between adequate and daunting levels of information will be explored.

Dr. Sosenko is a Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the University of Miami's Institutional Review Board (IRB), one of the busiest human studies committees in North America.

Dialogues in Research Ethics is a series of monthly conferences. For more information about the series, phone 243-5723, write to Medical Campus Box M-825 or send E-mail to ethics@newssun.med.miami.edu

Sponsors:

- UM Forum for Bioethics & Philosophy
- Vice Provost & Deputy Dean for Research
- Department of Microbiology and Immunology
- Research Service of the Miami VAMC
- S. Florida VA Foundation for Research and Education
- School of Nursing



