

Ethics and Informed Consent: Capacity, Surrogates, and Advance Directives

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Dr. Ruth Fischbach discussed the ethics of informed consent involving persons who have questionable capacity to consent. The presentation included suggested options and safeguards and how to conduct research without a legal mandate.

Dr. Ruth Fischbach is Professor of Bioethics at Columbia University and Director of the Columbia University Center for Bioethics. She also serves on the faculty of the Center for the Study of Society and Medicine and the Mailman School of Public Health. Her research interests have focused on projects involving decisions around the end of life, autonomy of the elderly, communication between patients and healthcare professionals, pain assessment and management, and the experiences of research participants, particularly as they relate to privacy and informed consent. Dr. Fischbach is currently a member of the Columbia University Medical Center Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Mailman School of Public Health's Task Force on Genetics and Public Health.