



Forum for Collaborative HIV Research

Ethical Challenges in HIV Research

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Guideline 10

“...must make every effort to ensure that the research is responsive to the health needs and the priorities of the population or community in which it is to be carried out; and any intervention or product developed, or knowledge generated, will be made *reasonably available* for the benefit of that population or community”



Controversy

- Construction of “Benefits” too Narrow
- Unfavorable Risk-Benefit Ratio (Benefits not Fair)
- Broader Focus on Development Needs



General Concerns

- Obligation to treat those identified during screening process?
- Obligation to treat those who become infected during research?



General Concerns (contd)

- What Should be Provided?
- For How Long?
- Who Should Provide “it”



Standard of Care

- What Standard?
- How is it determined?

Jerome Singh, "Standards of Care in the Antiretroviral Rollout World" Lancet 364 (2000): 920-922.



Benatar

“Research ethics must be seen as intimately linked to health care, to human health globally, and to the promotion of social and economic processes that could begin reversing widening global disparities in health”