


Ethical Issues in Research




Utility vs. Deontology



- **Utilitarian perspective** = All research should be conducted as long as it serves a useful purpose for society as a whole
- **Deontological perspective** = No research should be conducted that violates the rights of the participants

Current _____ Principle




- No research should be conducted in which the costs outweigh the benefits
- Determined by the Institutional Review Board (IRB)




_____ in
conducting research

- Time
- Money
- Effort
- Discomfort
- Embarrassment
- Pain
- Stress
- Threat to health
- Boredom
- Death (nonhuman)
- Recalling trauma
- Lack of significant impact




_____ of
research

- Knowledge
- Improving assessments
- Improving quality of life
- Improving on an established procedure
- Resolving a societal problem




Informing the participants of the nature of
the study and obtaining their agreement
to participate




_____ must...

- Be presented in a way that is understandable
- Be obtained from a person who can give valid, legal consent
- Mention that participation is voluntary
- Include a signature line
- Describe the study and the potential risks involved
- Encourage participation without coercion




What if you use deception?

- Make sure it is necessary
- You **MUST** mention it during the debriefing




The data participants provide may **ONLY** be used for the purposes of the research and may not be divulged to others




Assuring _____

- Make the responses completely anonymous
- Assign a unique number to each participant
- Keep all data in a locked cabinet




The procedure through which research participants are told about the purpose of a study after it is completed




_____ **should...**

- Take place as soon as the study is complete
- Clarify the purpose of the study
- Remove any discomfort
- Obtain participants' reactions
- Involve thanking the participant
- Give the participant a "script" if you use deception



All researchers should treat the participants with respect and attend to any discomfort as soon as it becomes apparent



Violations of

- Failing to show up on time to conduct the study
- Unable to run the study properly
- Being disrespectful
- Being ungrateful for participation
- Falsifying data or results



Stop the session if...

- Participant is obviously uncomfortable or upset
- Participant has already been in the study or has heard about the purpose of the study
- Participant is rude to the researcher
- Participant asks to leave
