


Research Ethics

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- What is ethics in research?
- What are the ethical principles to adhere to in research?
- Why is ethics important in research?



What is ethics in research?

- A system of guiding principles
- Norms for conduct that distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable behaviour.




What are the ethical principles to adhere to in research?




Why is ethics important in research?

- As a researcher it is our duty:
 1. To protect participants' rights
 2. To have respect for intellectual property
 3. To ensure responsible reporting/publication/mentoring
 4. To maintain & promote competence
 5. To promote social good/prevent social harm



To protect participants' rights

- Participants have the right to choose whether to participate in the research or not
- Participants have the right to be in a safe environment during the research
- Participants have the right to be informed as to what the research is about
- Participants have the right to be granted privacy of the research results if promised




To have respect for intellectual property

- Honour
- Acknowledge work of others you make use of
- Do not use unpublished data, methods, or results without permission
- Assign credit fairly where due



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