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Ethics in Nursing Inquiry

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- Attendees will identify ethical considerations in nursing inquiry.
- Attendees will identify common pitfalls in nursing inquiry and the importance of ethical considerations throughout the project.
- Attendees will describe Johns Hopkins IRB process and resources available.

Ethical Considerations to Nursing Inquiry

- Have a general idea of the structure or outline of project.
- Structure differs
 - Evidence based, quality improvement or research project
 - Qualitative, quantitative, mixed-methods project.
- Writing practices
- Ethical practices
 - Retrieval of literature
 - Citing sources
 - Anticipated from proposal through completion of the project
- Philosophical Assumptions: beliefs, assumptions deeply ingrained. Inform our choices, and guide our research.
- Vulnerability of participants, researcher, and protocol deviation.

- Selection of topic (don't boil the ocean)
- Background of your project: what do readers need to better understand your topic?
- What do readers need to know about your topic (Review of pertinent literature)?
- You have identified a problem, why is it important, what will your project support?
- What do you propose to study?
- Why do you feel it is important?
- Setting and subjects?
- Collection of data?
- Protocol deviation
- Tool utilization
- Data analysis
- Validity and reliability
- Ethical considerations
- Stay organized and follow the course.

Structure and Type of Inquiry

- Formalized formats based on type of inquiry (evidence based practice, quality improvement or research).
- Qualitative
- Quantitative
- Mixed methods
- As researcher responsibility to follow acceptable structure.
- Recipe as followed

Selection of Literature

- Commitment to publication format
- Selection of literature
- Date span (within 5-10 years)
- Peer reviewed journals
- Citing sources correctly
- Stacking sources
- Johns Hopkins library listings on myJH.

Commitment to Project

- Notetaking
- Review and revisions
- Commitment to the long haul (daily thinking and writing).
- Organization
- Goal setting
- Coherence in writing
- Use of active voice in scholarly writing. *(If the subject acts, the voice is active, if the subject is acted on, the voice is passive) (Creswell, 2014).*

Ethical Issues to Expect

- Primary vs Secondary Ethical considerations
- Trust with subjects
- Integrity in design
- Gathering and protecting data
- Guard against misconduct
- Personal disclosure
- Authenticity and credibility of the project, tools utilized.
- Personal privacy
- Applicable to all types of research
- Written report of results
- Storage of data (protection of privacy)
- Data analysis (report all that you find)
- Actively address limitations/delimitations
- Plagiarism
- Site of project without vested interest
- Negotiate authorship ahead of time
- Little disruption while collecting data
- Avoid deceiving or exploiting participants

- Seek mentorship and support at your site for nursing inquiry projects
- Not all projects need IRB approval.
- Review code of ethics and IRB process from Johns Hopkins Medicine.
- Key nursing leaders at each site participate in IRB process.
- Formalized application and preparation for conducting research.
- Obtain necessary permissions prior to starting.
- Completion of disclosure statements

Johns Hopkins IRB Process

- Review pertinent policy related to research on myJH
- Johns Hopkins IRB

[Johns Hopkins Institutional Review Board \(hopkinsmedicine.org\)](http://hopkinsmedicine.org)

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