

Case Example: Imaging in Research Trial

IRB-approved research study scans patients; data sent to outside lab for analysis

No image review/interpretation by hospital physicians

Disclosed in consent form to patients: "you and your doctor will not receive the results"

Radiologist in charge objects; feels there is an ethical requirement to screen images for incidental findings. Study population has high cancer risk.

Radiologist approaches Medical Physicist to raise the subject to the Radiation Safety Committee.

Physician PI of the study serves as a senior executive of the hospital.

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