



Research Ethics in Psychology

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Ethics

- Norms and guiding light for conduct
- Rules for distinguishing right and wrong
- Inputs from Shared morality, law, personal values
- Code of professional conduct

Genesis:

- Many a times commonsense or learned behaviours at home, school, workplace etc
- during moral development throughout life
- People pass through different stages as they mature



Why it is important to adhere to RE

- To promote the aims of research itself (Knowledge, truth and avoidance of error through prohibitions against fabrication, falsification or misrepresentation of research data)
- Promotes Values that are essential to collaborative work (Trust, accountability, credit sharing, fairness etc.)
- Ensures accountability to the public (rights, dignity and beneficence)
- To build public support for research funding through Institutions, corporates, NGOs etc.
- Serves moral and social values (Nonmaleficence, animal welfare, safety and public health etc.)



Few codes

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Competence
- Confidentiality
- Intellectual property and copyrights matters
- Human rights
- Responsible publication
- Social responsibility

APA's Ethical Principles and code of conduct



- First version in 1953, 9 revisions published, last in 2002 which was further amended in 2010

General Principles

- A. Beneficence and Nonmaleficence
- B. Fidelity and responsibility
- C. Integrity
- D. Justice
- E. Respect for People's Rights and Dignity

APA's ethical standards related to Research and Publication



- Institutional Approval
- Informed Consent to research
- Informed Consent for recording voices and images
- Client/patient, students and subordinate research participants
- Dispensing with informed consent for research
- Offering inducements for research participation
- Deception in research
- Debriefing



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- Humane care and use of animals in research
- Reporting research results
- Plagiarism
- Publication credits
- Duplicate publication of data
- Sharing research data for verification
- Reviewers

APA's ethical standards related to Assessment



- Bases for assessments
- Use of assessments
- Informed consent in assessments
- Release of test data
- Test construction
- Interpreting and explaining assessment results
- Assessment by unqualified persons
- Obsolete tests and outdated test results
- Maintaining test security

APA's ethical standards related to Therapy



- Informed consent to Therapy
- Therapy involving couples or families
- Group Therapy
- Providing therapy to those served by others
- Sexual Intimacies with current therapy clients/patients
- Sexual Intimacies with relatives or significant others of current therapy clients/patients
- Therapy with former sexual partners
- Sexual intimacies with former therapy clients/Patients
- Interruption of therapy
- Terminating therapy



Thank You

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