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Call for Stories

Research on COVID-19: Stories from IRB Members, Research Administrators, & Investigators

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Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics will publish a collection of personal stories from IRB members, IRB administrators/staff, and researchers about their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. What is the experience of reviewing, overseeing, or conducting pandemic research? What barriers and challenges did they face? What ethical issues or questions did they encounter? What practices and policies helped address ethical concerns or overcome barriers to research? What can we learn from those experiences? This symposium aims to share their experiences of reviewing, overseeing, and conducting research during a pandemic.

We want true, personal stories in a form that is interesting and easy to read. In writing your story, please consider these questions:

- For researchers: What kind of research were you conducting? What COVID-19 problem did you seek to address? What research approach or innovation did you propose?
- For IRB members and administrators: What kinds of research were you responsible for reviewing or overseeing?
- What ethical, regulatory, or institutional policies or challenges did you face? How did you respond to them?
- What advice or recommendations do you have for IRBs that review research on a pandemic illness such as COVID-19?
- What advice or recommendations do you have for researchers who study a pandemic illness such as COVID-19 to help them ensure compliance?
- What else would you like to tell us about your experience of conducting, reviewing, or overseeing research during the pandemic?

You do not need to address each of these questions—write about the issues that you think are most important to share. If you are not a writer, tell your story in your own words and our editorial staff will help you.

Stories should be 4 – 10 double-spaced pages or 800 – 2000 words. We plan to publish 24 stories in print. Some additional stories may be published as online-only supplemental material. Along with the stories, we will publish 2 – 4 commentary articles that discuss the stories that are published in the journal.

If you are interested in submitting a story, please send it to the editorial office via email narrativebioethics@gmail.com. We will give preference to stories that are received by the morning of December 28th. To see a finished symposium you may access [Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics Volume 8 Number 1](#), which is currently open access on Project MUSE.

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