

Ethics!!!

Read each situation below and decide which ethical guideline is not being followed. More than one answer may apply!!!

Informed Consent (IC)

Protection from Physical or Emotional Harm (H)

Confidentiality (C)

Debriefing (D)

1. A teacher in your school gives you a mandatory anonymous drug use survey to complete in class and tells you she cannot let you know why you are completing the survey because it would throw off her results.

2. You agree to participate in an experiment that is designed to measure your ability to lie in various circumstances. Under the direction of the researcher, you make false statements to your mother, your best friend, and your favorite teacher. The guilt you feel after lying to these influential and important people has you questioning your morals and values.

3. A psychologist in your town is invited to speak at career day at your school. You have been seeing the psychologist for more than a year for depression and attempted suicide. At career day the psychologist speaks of working with teen patients who are depressed and have attempted suicide and cites a few examples of his cases. Although he uses no names, you feel he is talking about you and run from the room embarrassed.

4. At the conclusions of a study testing memory and mood, you are released by the researcher, paid a small fee, and thanked for your time.

5. You are appointed to serve on the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the research university where you teach, and will be screening research proposals to safeguard participant's well-being. A proposal is presented in which a researcher will be gathering data on the correlation between divorce and alcohol use disorder in celebrities. The proposal lists the research methodology, the sample population, and the manner in which the results of the study will be communicated. The researcher intends to write an article for a journal in the field, and also publish the results of the study in an entertainment magazine. He feels that if people know the actual names of the participants, they may take the results more seriously and so he intends to list the names in the entertainment article.
