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The spectrum of ethical issues in a
Learning Health Care System:
A systematic qualitative review
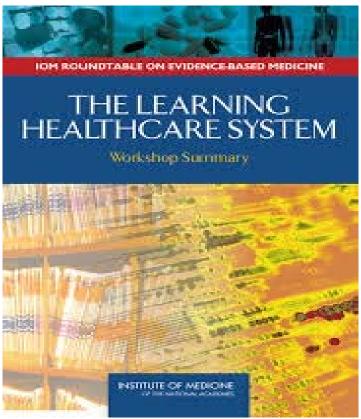Dr. Stuart McLennan

Background

Learning Health Care Systems Concept

Aim

To determine systematically the spectrum of ethical issues that is raised for stakeholders in a learning health care system.

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Methods

1. Inclusion criteria
2. Search strategy and data sources
3. Study selection
4. Data analysis and synthesis

Results

1. Designing activities
2. Ethical Oversight of Activities
3. Conducting Activities
4. Implementing Learning

Discussion

Overarching theme: current regulatory system vs learning health care

Discussion

Key strategies to address conflict
1. Replace research vs non-research distinction
2. Optimising current system
   - Policies and procedures
   - Training and guidance
   - Streamlining processes

Limitations

1. Only two databases
2. Additional search terms not added
3. Only English and German included
4. Definition of "ethical issue"
5. High level of interpretation

Conclusion

Need to balance the protection of individual participants with the social value of improving health care

Acknowledgement