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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The Ethics Rounds article in this issue examines the ethical implications of the difficulty distinguishing QI from human research protocols. What is the best way to ensure that QI projects are conducted in an ethical manner? Should QI projects ever be required to go through a formal institutional review process? Or, are the pitfalls to such an approach too burdensome to ensure the ethical conduct of QI?

Should IRBs ever be used to ensure the ethical conduct of quality improvement?

YES NO

If you have access to the VA intranet, please visit our webboard to join a discussion on this question.