

Benchside Ethics Consultation Service [BECS]

THE BENCHSIDE ETHICS CONSULTATION SERVICE (BECS) is a service provided by Stanford consultants with science and ethics backgrounds to assist bioscience researchers in the resolution of ethical questions and social concerns that may develop in the course of their research. BECS is based on the model of clinical ethics consultation and is designed to provide real time, prompt, and practical advice for scientists. Since BECS is intended to be maximally helpful to researchers, the BECS team is committed to deliver recommendations to the client within an accelerated time frame.

HOW TO REQUEST A CONSULTATION:

Pager: 650-723-8222, 16835

Email:

becs-spectrum@lists.stanford.edu

Online form: Coming soon!

*Regardless of how you make your request, we will attempt to contact you within 24 hours to begin your consultation. Depending on the nature of your request, it might require a meeting with the BECS team of consultants.

* Our aim is to provide you with a preliminary report within 48 hours of your request, or within 48 hours of the team meeting if that is deemed necessary.

BECS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Who Can Use the Benchside Ethics Consultation Service?

BECS is available to any member of the Stanford University community. Requests may come from:

- Research investigators (the PI or anyone on the research team), study participants, coordinators
- Stanford faculty, staff, scholars, students and medical professionals
- Institutional Review Boards
- Regulatory committees and other institutional bodies

2. Who Staffs the Benchside Ethics Consultation Service?

BECS is staffed by Stanford University faculty and members of the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics. They are experts in research ethics and regulation, and they represent a wide range of disciplines including biomedical research, genetics, law and philosophy.

3. Is the Benchside Ethics Consultation Service confidential?

Yes; the identities of those requesting consultations and all research data, ideas and ethical issues are confidential.

For more FAQs and other information, visit:

<http://cirge.stanford.edu/consultation/>

