

Benchside Ethics Consultation Service (BECS)
Consultation Procedure – Overview
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INITIAL REQUEST IS MADE TO BECS TEAM MEMBER

- Contact is made by phone, email, or web-form
- Core team: Mildred Cho, David Magnus, Hank Greely, Sally Tobin
- Additional team members: LaVera Crawley, Christopher Scott

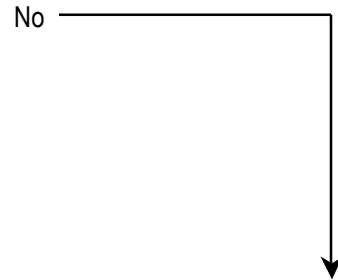


REQUEST IS “TRIAGED” BY CONTACTED TEAM MEMBER

- Basic information is gathered: name, department, research subject, reason for request
- Web-form requests are acknowledged within 24 hours of receipt



Team meeting necessary?



Additional expertise necessary?



TEAM MEETING PLUS ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE
 Type of expertise is identified and added to the team consult.

TEAM MEETING
 Core team members are contacted for a team consult.

“CURBSIDE” CONSULTATION
 The team member responding to the initial contact resolves the matter on the spot.



A WRITTEN REPORT IS PROVIDED within 48 hours of the consult. The reports are structured to cover background information, description of the request, the ethical, social and other issues identified, and if appropriate, specific recommendations to the researcher.



CASE CLOSED

Researchers can select level of confidentiality.
 Data are collected at all steps of the consultation for tracking and evaluation.
 BECS consultation is independent of the Stanford Institutional Review Board.