



# Ethical Implications of Qualitative Research

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## “Did we get the story right?”

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- Characteristics of a “good” qualitative study
  - Employed rigorous data collection procedures.
  - Framed study within philosophical assumptions of the qualitative approach to research.
  - Used a tradition of inquiry.
  - Began with a single focus toward understanding – not causality.



- Study included detailed and rigorous methods to data collection and analysis. Report writing is persuasive, as if the reader “was there”.
- Data were analyzed using multiple levels of abstraction – codes, categories, concepts.
- Findings are believable and credible.
- Writing is clear, engaging and reflects the complexities that exist in real life.

Kendall, 2010



# Ethical Implications

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- Pre Study
  - Study design
    - Paying research participants?
    - Data collectors
- During the Study
  - Role of the researcher in the clinical setting?



# Ethical Implications

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- During the Study
  - Data collection
    - Interviews
      - Making meaning
      - Knowing
      - Being with
      - Doing for
    - Observations

Eide & Kahn, 2008



# Ethical Implications

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- Ending data collection
  - When to stop?
- Post Study
  - Publications
  - Presentations



Questions ?

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Thank You





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