

## **Rules Versus Results in Vaccine Research**

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What rights do people have that are important to consider when talking about medical research on human subjects?

Do you believe that it is morally acceptable to risk a few people's lives for knowledge with the potential to save many lives in the future?

Should medical researchers be allowed to test their treatments in less developed nations to save costs, if the research subjects want to participate? What makes research in less developed nations more right or wrong than research in a developed nation?

Are human lives and scientific knowledge things whose value can be compared? Could any research project whose aim was only to develop knowledge and understanding — without any obvious application that might save human lives — be morally justified if it posed a potential health risk to its subjects?