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Who Am I?

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Goals for this Webinar

• How do ethical concerns stretch beyond IRB consent?
• What are some of the ways that mixed methods researchers discuss ethics?
• How can we include our ethical decisions in a final written manuscript?
Defining Ethics

• A pragmatic view of what works... mixed methods researchers must engage in this definition in order to resolve conflicting axiologies between qualitative and quantitative traditions (Biddle & Schafft, 2015).

• What does this definition leave out?
What Ethical Principles Exist in Mixed Methods Research?

• Those similar to monomethod research:
  • Do no harm
  • Use honest reporting
  • Maintain data quality measures

• What other principles should we consider when conducting mixed methods research?
Ethical Considerations within Mixed Methods Research

• Poth (2020) argues that ethical considerations in mixed methods research can be intensified, as:
  • Designs may differ in the number of data collection and integration points
  • Designs may use more intensive data collection methods
  • Designs may be more intensive over a short period of time
  • Designs may differ in participant expectations.

• Mertens (2009) argues that justice must be a central concern.
How are MMR Researchers Discussing Ethics?

- Cain, MacDonald, Coker, Velasco, and West (2019) examined how MMR researchers discuss ethics...
  - N=332, or 15% of 2,098 articles.
  - Qualitative analysis of articles
  - 66 articles discussed ethics (20.5%)
## Findings

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Why is it Important to Discuss Ethics?

• As a measure of validity and data quality (Hesse-Biber, 2010)
• In considering responsibilities of the researcher(s) to the participant(s) (Hesse-Biber & Leavy 2006)
• As MMR is a growing field, researchers are likely to continue to discover new ethical issues and considerations (Evans et al., 2011; Mcfarlane, 2010).
• Transparency in MMR is imperative to our continued growth and legitimation as a field (Collins et al., 2013).
How Can I Include Ethics?

• Intentionality!

• Finding a home in methods...
References:

• Evans, B. C., Coon, D. W., & Ume, E. (2011). Use of theoretical frameworks as a pragmatic guide for mixed methods studies:
What questions do you have?
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