“Learning Health Care Systems: Are They Research, Clinical Care, Neither or Both?”

Learning Health Care Systems" and "Pragmatic Clinical Trials" are concepts which describe efforts to conduct comparative effectiveness studies between alternative accepted treatments in clinical health care settings. While fundamental to the advancement of evidence-based medicine, interventions conducted under these rubrics do not neatly conform to traditional human subjects research norms, since they are also part of the clinical care of patients. In this session our panelists will help navigate these ethical boundaries.