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“Historical and Ethical Dimensions of Randomized Controlled Trials”

This talk examines the historical influence of social settings, intellectual trends, culture, social movements, economics, and regulations on the development of RCTs. It also explores key themes across time--methodological rigor, ethics, political contexts, and perspectives toward vulnerable research subjects. Finally, it identifies critical historical themes and trends that may inform future research policies and best practices.