

Role play characters: members of the research ethics committee (REC)

Becky

1. You are a medical student, about to start your final year of study.
2. You had asthma as a child, but haven't had an attack since you were 10.
3. In the future, as well as practising medicine, you would like to organise clinical trials that involve children.

Isla-Kate

1. You work at a university, and your job is to make sure that researchers keep to the rules and standards that apply to clinical research trials.
2. Both of your parents are doctors.
3. When you were 17, you took part in a clinical trial.

Elin

1. You work as an advocate for children who have serious health problems, and encourage them to make their own decisions about how their treatments.
2. Before you worked as a representative for children, you were a children's nurse.
3. While you were a nurse, you undertook research projects to investigate how drugs should be prescribed to children.

Dez

1. You work for a children's charity.
2. Before this job, you worked as a social worker.
3. You live in an area of the country that is remote; the nearest research hospital is over 100 miles away.

Simon

1. You are an anaesthetist in a children's hospital, and have expertise in managing pain, discomfort, and helping patients to go to sleep (for example, when they're having surgery).
2. In addition to your job as a doctor, you also teach at the local university, and write articles based on your own research with children.
3. You are a father of two children, both of whom are under 10.

Bobbie

1. You are a professor who teaches students about medical ethics.
2. You work at a university which has its own paediatric research facility.
3. You have two children of your own, who are in their late teens.