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## **Informed consent as organizational recipe**

Informed consent is often praised as a guarantee of respect for patient autonomy. However, the consent requirement must translate into organizational practice to gain foothold in the practical conduct of research and medicine. This presentation will discuss this process of anchoring an ethical ideal in everyday procedures. To supplement studies evaluating the ethical merits of informed consent, I suggest considering the perspective of organization theory and policy studies. From this perspective we may explore empirically the dissemination of informed consent as an organizational recipe. I will argue that this approach can be a way of stimulating renewed reflections on what informed consent procedures actually do and why, as well as when and how they become endorsed by various organisational actors.