“For forty years between 1932 and 1972, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) conducted an experiment on 399 black men in the late stages of syphilis. These men, for the most part illiterate sharecroppers from one of the poorest counties in Alabama, were never told what disease they were suffering from or its seriousness. Informed that they were being treated for “bad blood,” their doctors had no intention of curing them of syphilis at all. The data for the experiment was to be collected from autopsies of the men, and they were thus deliberately left to degenerate under the ravages of tertiary syphilis – which can include tumors, heart disease, paralysis, blindness, insanity and death. “As I see it, “ one of the doctors involved explained, “we have no further interest in the patients until they die.”

http://fyb.umd.edu/2011/tuskegee.html

Were there benefits to the experiment and ramifications we see in the present day?

http://www.homepagedaily.com/Pages/article10736-us-apologizes-for-40s-syphilis-study-in-guatemala.aspx

Are there new laws in place to ensure the Tuskegee experiments are not repeated? Are they effective?
Is science stifled by regulations? Is there a possibility for similar experimental programs to be run currently based not on race but on socioeconomics? Is this a reality with which the scientific community can take advantage of to further gains in science for the greater good? Do the means justify the ends?

Read the Nuremberg Code. http://ohsr.od.nih.gov/guidelines/nuremberg.html Then google the code and do some research about the code. Is this applicable in today’s modern medical environment or does it need revising. Explain. What improvements would you suggest and why?

STOP

MANDATORY VACCINATIONS!

Define in your own words the term Informed consent. Is the Helsinki document needed in addition to the Nuremberg Code? Why or why not? Does it allow too much freedom to practitioners? Does it allows for more gains by the scientific community than under the Nuremberg Code?

Cite other medicinal misuse cases: How has this affected medicine today. Is this an issue the US needs to concerned about? What could be some solutions if so. (see prior notes)