

MEMT 455: Psychology of Music
Ethical Dilemmas in Research

Names: _____ Date: _____

1. Sheila is a music therapist and music educator working at a school for students with special needs. Along with her team members, she is pursuing a research study looking at the changes in physiological response of adolescents after completing music-assisted relaxation sessions. She is asked to use a pulse oximeter to collect data on oxygen saturation. This is not something Sheila is familiar with, but she uses it anyway.
2. Amber and Wesley, a social worker and a music educator, are working on a research project involving at-risk youth in a smaller metropolitan city. They are riding the bus and start reviewing and discussing their notes from a previous session. Wesley opens up his data collection sheets and shows Amber some information from their mutual students. They begin talking about their student responses and over the next 30-minutes several people get on and off the bus.
3. Michael is a music therapist working with adults in an inpatient mental health facility. Many of his clients suffer from depression, and for several weeks he worked individually with a client named Jeff. Jeff gave his permission for Michael to use his information in a case study, so Michael presented this case study about Jeff in a poster session at a regional interdisciplinary conference over the weekend.
4. Beth is completing a research project with community choir members on the benefits of group singing on social support of older adults. One of her participants could not make the choir that night but said he would put his data sheets in his mailbox so she could pick them up after choir. When Beth got there, it had stormed, and the data sheets were not in his mailbox anymore, but scattered around the neighborhood. Beth gathered the wet sheets and discovered she was missing one.
5. Josh and Sean are research team members completing a series of case studies involving embouchure with their band students. They exchange cases so the other person on the team may edit the other's document. As Sean is reading one of Josh's case studies, it triggers a memory that he might have read it before, but he could be mistaken. He looks back through previous research completed on the subject, and the case study resembles one in the literature.

How would you handle your assigned ethical dilemma? What would you do?

What is your source of information for your decision (AMTA, NafME, MTNA, IRB, etc.)?

Where in that source is the information located?