



The Program in Placebo Studies
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Present:

The Relativity of 'Placebos'

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Debates about placebos – both effects and ethics -- are ongoing. The lack of a clear definition of placebos has muddled the discussion. The philosopher Grünbaum (1981) classically defined placebos as treatments whose 'characteristic features' do not have therapeutic effects on the target disorder. This talk will propose modifications to Grünbaum's work in light of recent research. The talk also will re-examine the ethics of placebos in both clinical practice and clinical trials and re-assess the methods for making empirical estimates of placebo effects.

Tuesday, October 21 at 3:30 pm - Leventhal Conference Room (BIDMC East)

For more information: 617-945-7827

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