

***RETIREED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)  
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Apr. 3, 2013.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.***

***DR. GEORGE UBOGY***

***THE ETHICS OF MEDICAL RESEARCH ON HUMAN SUBJECTS***



There is a history in the United States of human subjects, particularly in vulnerable populations, being unethically used in medical research, usually without their knowledge or without knowledge of the harm they risk. For example, Walter Reed's yellow fever experiments on poor Spanish immigrants and the Tuskegee syphilis studies on black men. It wasn't until 1966, when the New England Journal of Medicine published a seminal article by Henry Beecher on unethical practices in medical experimentation, that people started to pay attention to what was happening in research labs across the country. Beecher gathered 20 of the worst experiments that appeared in medical journals and let them speak for themselves. All of this work had already been published, but no one had complained because it had been presented as a routine part of American medicine. Beecher suggested that an ethical approach to human experimentation should include obtaining informed consent, and establishing protocols for compassionate and responsible research. Beecher's paper led to the use of institutional review boards for research on human subjects.

Dr. Ubogy was Chairman of the Institutional Review Board of Greenwich Hospital for 30 years, and remains a member. The federally-mandated IRB is charged with protecting the rights, safety, and well-being of human subjects involved in research, by reviewing all research conducted at Greenwich Hospital and its subsidiaries. The number one priority of IRB's is to protect human subjects from physical or psychological harm. The IRB is comprised of members with varying backgrounds including representatives from the medical staff and community members.

Dr. Ubogy, who recently joined the RMA, received his B.S. from Cornell University, and his M.D. from the NYU Medical School. He is retired after practicing internal medicine in Greenwich for over 40 years. He is married with two sons and four grandchildren. An accomplished chimemaster from his Cornell days, he will occasionally play the bells at Christchurch.

**RMA members and their guests should arrive by 9:45 AM for our full meeting. The general public should plan to arrive at 10:30 AM. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich. No Charge and No Reservations are required. Questions about any of the above, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.**