ACTIVITY 9 IN DETAIL
Ethics without Borders

Objectives:

1. Apply concepts of research ethics with a specific focus on research in low- and middle
   income countries (LMICs).
2. Discuss each profession’s approach to the ethical issues that arise in the collaborative
   conduct of international research and how to address these issues in a climate of mutual
   respect and shared values.
3. Discuss the responsibilities and obligations of researchers when they conduct research
   in international countries.

Description:

This session grew out of a real situation in which an interprofessional team of students
and faculty conducted the World Health Organization (WHO) Safe Motherhood Needs
Assessment to evaluate interventions relating to safe motherhood in a rural Malawi
town. Although none of the facts in the scenario are true, they are based on some
issues that arose during the four years of the Malawi project and raise several questions
about research ethics and professionalism that would be appropriate to discuss in an
interprofessional setting.
| 9. Ethics without Borders  
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Location: HSL/HS Gladhill Boardroom |