

## Simulation Feedback



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### Simulation Feedback 3.1

There are concerns in this simulation regarding the comparison group—they are receiving a placebo rather than the actual treatment. Is this deception? It probably is, but the investigation could be seriously jeopardized if they are specifically and fully informed that they are not receiving the treatment. This may present a rather difficult dilemma, and whether or not you are ethical depends on how procedures are handled. Perhaps you can treat the comparison group after the experiment is completed. Another question, however, must be asked regarding potential harm by withholding treatment from this group for the duration of the experiment and then treating them later. Does this create a problem? You can only make this decision after considering all the facts and issues. Review the relevant portions of the text, think carefully, and by all means obtain approval from your human subjects review committee.