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‘WHY WE NEED MORE PLACEBOS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE, AND FEWER IN CLINICAL TRIALS’

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JOHN LOCKE LECTURE

Tuesday, 28th January 2020

Placebos are often misunderstood, and the extent to which they are believed to be ethical in clinical trials and clinical practice is controversial. Dr Howick has conducted groundbreaking philosophical and empirical studies in this area. In this John Locke Lecture, he will share his cutting edge research on the nature, effects, and ethics of placebos and nocebos in clinical trials and clinical practice. He will use the emerging method of ‘empirical philosophy’, which uses empirical research to inform philosophical arguments. To anticipate, he will argue that it is usually unethical to use placebo controls in clinical trials, and that it is unethical *not* to use placebos in clinical practice.

Venue

Apothecaries Hall, Black Friar’s Lane, London EC4V 6EJ

Timings

5:00 Library opens
5:30 Tea and coffee
6:00 Lecture in the Great Hall
7:15 Subscription buffet supper

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