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### Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research: The Dance of the Overseers

Stem Cell Research is now up and running, and the need to regulate it is a felt imperative at every level of government and the academy. Difficulties arise among the oversight committees established, in defining precisely what activities constitute the subject matter of the oversight. I argue that the conceptual difficulties that attend the delineation of such oversight arise from the fact that stem cell research exists at the intersection of several historically well-established ethics in the conduct of scientific research and the practice of medicine, and that a map of the road into that intersection, which I attempt to provide, may at least make clear where the difficulties lie.