Case Example

Dr. Edwards lab had always prided itself on its extraordinary research. During a weekly lab meeting one of the technicians presented data from two experiments. The data presented from experiment 1 appeared to be identical to the data from experiment 2. Dr. Edwards spoke with the lab technician who claimed that she had performed two experiments and that the data just happened to look the same.

Case Example Questions

* What should Dr. Edwards do now?
* Do you think that the lab technician is telling the truth?

Case Example

Dr. Frank conducts medical research in the area of sleep disorders. After careful thought and review of the literature he writes a protocol around a novel use of a sleep therapy. He asks his colleagues to review the protocol. A short time later he finds that one of his colleagues has submitted his protocol as his own to a federal funding agency.

Case Example Questions

* What should Dr. Frank do?
* Do you think that what his colleague did was dishonest?