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Unethical Medical Research Discovered

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens’ Council on Health Care.

Government research can be unethical. Sixty years ago, U.S. scientists deliberately infected prisoners and patients with syphilis in a mental hospital in Guatemala.

Professor Susan Reverby recently made this shocking discovery while doing research for a book. She read about it in papers from John Cutler, a physician with the Public Health Service. The U.S. Surgeon General at the time said such experiments couldn’t be done in the U.S. But in fact Cutler was part of a similarly unethical 40-year government study, the Tuskegee syphilis study on black men.

Congress plans to force doctors to put all our medical records online for tracking patients, rationing care and conducting research. State legislators should respond by requiring patient consent first.

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