



## VKC Research Ethics Grand Rounds

# Ethical Applied Behavior Analysis in Practice

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) has become a ubiquitous service for children with disabilities, particularly those with autism. While proponents of the practice of ABA point to the potential benefits of participating in ABA treatment, there are a growing set of concerns regarding ABA, including ethical concerns raised by multiple self-advocates, advocates, and advocacy groups. In this Ethics Grand Rounds, the panelists will share a background of the controversies surrounding ABA, the challenges facing fieldwide quality improvement, as well as a responsive approach to the practice in which community feedback and input is pivotal to ethical progress of the practice.

### Panelists:

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TRIAD Associate Director of ABA Services;  
Behavioral/Educational Consultant;  
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**Zachary J. Williams, B.S.,** autistic self-advocate and Vanderbilt M.D./Ph.D. candidate

**Amy Weitlauf, Ph.D. (Moderator),**  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics;  
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