

Compliance Today – March 2019 The sham dilemma

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In December 2004, the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine explored the questions around sham procedures. “Trained to perform invasive interventions only for the medical benefit of patients, [clinicians/investigators] find themselves administering fake procedures. Moreover, they must manipulate the performance so as to create a false belief in patient-subjects that a real procedure is being administered—a deception that may have to be maintained in follow-up visits.”^[1]

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