



**Presidential Commission**  
*for the Study of Bioethical Issues*

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**TRANSCRIPT**  
**Closing Remarks**

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Commission Chair

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Commission Vice-Chair

Meeting 6, Day 2 Closing Remarks  
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Washington, DC

1 DR. GUTMANN: So, on behalf of Jim Wagner and  
2 myself, I want to thank all of our speakers and  
3 everybody who attended today's and yesterday's  
4 meetings, who have given their time, their energy, and  
5 their thoughtfulness.

6 We have taken questions as they have come up.  
7 But I should urge you, because it's really important to  
8 us, that we welcome questions between our meetings, or  
9 comments between our meetings, as well. You can go to  
10 our website, [bioethics.gov](http://bioethics.gov), to submit your comments.

11 Let me just remind us all of the President's  
12 charge, which is to assure him that the current rules  
13 and international standards adequately guard the health  
14 and well-being of participants in scientific studies  
15 funded by the government, and also to make  
16 recommendations to the extent that they do not. This  
17 demands that we consider basic ethical principles,  
18 following careful deliberation and evidence-gathering.  
19 We will continue to do that.

1           I believe that with the kinds of presentations  
2           and discussions we had yesterday and today, we are well  
3           on our way to fulfilling our charge. We look forward  
4           to another meeting in November, and then we hope, by  
5           the end of December, to issue a report on this.

6           Thank you again, everyone. I also want to  
7           thank my fellow commission members, all of whom got  
8           here today. Alex could not be here because of a  
9           meeting, a prior meeting. But we are very pleased that  
10          Hurricane Irene came and went and didn't do  
11          more -- although it did a lot of devastation, and we  
12          really feel for our fellow citizens who are still  
13          dealing with that devastation.

14          In any case, thank you all for being here, and  
15          we will see you again.

16          DR. WAGNER: And thank you for your  
17          leadership, also.

18          DR. GUTMANN: Oh, thank you.

19          (Applause.)

20          (Whereupon, at 2:13 p.m., the meeting was  
21          adjourned.)

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