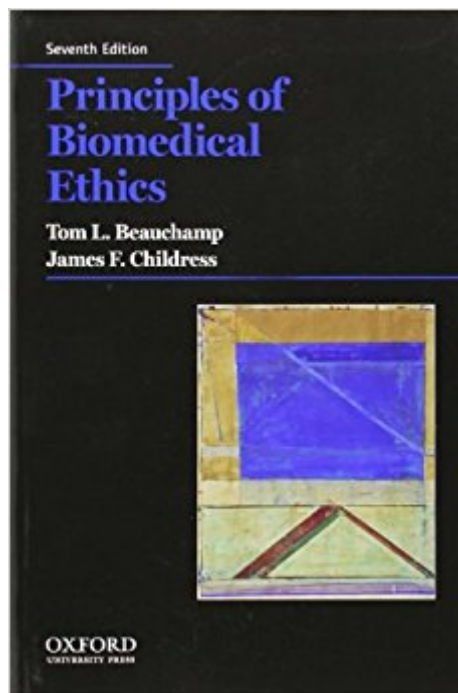




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another used book but still looks good. Overall, this book explained the principles of ethics well.

It is all researchers need to learn about ethics in research

Great!

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