Clinical Research – Case 1
You would like to do a comparison between two treatment options for phonologic awareness. You decide to use a control group of children to make sure that you are seeing change associated with the treatment plan. What are the ethical issues that could arise and how can you deal with them?

Clinical Research – Case 2
A parent comes to you with a description of a new device that purports to promote oral language development in young children with hearing loss. She provides documentation from the manufacturer in France that indicates significant gains in 70% of the cases. The parent wants you to incorporate this device into your intervention.

Clinical Practice - Case 3
Mrs. A. is the wife of one of your clients. He has had a stroke that impacted his left side mobility to the extent that he does not drive. He has expressive aphasia, but cognition appears to be intact. He is making small but steady gains in communication skills. Mrs. A. is becoming frustrated with his progress and has read about a new treatment involving the injection of lamb stem cells and daily intense massage therapy. There is a clinic in Mexico where she wants to take him for extended treatment. Mr. A. does not seem pleased but has been unable to convince his wife that they should not go.

Clinical Practice - Case 4
You are in a clinical practice during your CFY. It is your dream job. There is a diverse group of patients. You have full medical benefits and all professional fees are paid. When you finish your CFY you will get a substantial raise, a generous paid vacation package and time off for professional conferences. Your supervisor is a lovely woman who plans on retiring in the next two years. It appears you may be under consideration for her job with another raise and even more vacation time. The first difficulty arises when she indicates you need to change your testing to include a test for a diagnostic that has a more recent edition. The next week she asks you to include older interventions that have no efficacy data to support them. She is very adamant about her instructions stating that she has years of experience and that these techniques have been time tested through her use of them in this clinic.

Clinical Practices in the Schools - Case 7
The school for which you work has mandated that your case load only contain students whose communication disorder impacts them academically. A mother contacts you and tells you that she wants her son to receive articulation therapy despite the new rules. She is afraid that her son’s speech will worsen. In addition he has been bullied in the past and while she has no evidence, she feels it is related to his speech. She has reported it to the school administration with no avail.