



Case 1: A Problematic Site Visit

Frank R. is a post-doc working in Dr. K's lab. After Dr. K participates in a site visit to another lab, she comments to Frank "You'll need to stay on top of things and get your work done so you don't get scooped!"

Frank infers that the other lab is working in the same area he is. Over the next few days Frank feels growing concern about the situation. He is concerned not only that the other lab might scoop him, but that when he and Dr. K write up their work, they might be open to the allegations that they stole the idea for the experiments from the lab Dr. K. visited.

- What should Frank do?



Case 1: Variations A Problematic Site Visit

After the first version, you can offer the following variations to help the discussion participants appreciate the issues.

- Same case as above only Frank learns about other lab doing the same research concurrently from a friend who was at a local presentation given by the other lab.
- Dr. K mentions the name of the lead investigator at the lab she visited. This person is someone with whom Frank worked closely in graduate school and with whom Frank shared some of his ideas for the experiments in question. Frank believes that this person has appropriated his ideas.