

Focusing attention on the role of epidemiologists and epidemiologic research on the interplay between science and policy.

What is our professional role in large multi-disciplinary research studies and policy formulating bodies?

Are there better ways to deal with conflict of interest issues that arise in the conduct of our research and in the review and interpretation of research findings?

Should observational study analysis incorporate sources of uncertainty other than random error? Is sensitivity analysis appropriate and how might this impact policy?

What is the role, if any, of epidemiologists in implementing the precautionary principle?

We propose to tackle these and other challenges to the discipline at the 2004 Annual Meeting.

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