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The Future of Low-Dose Radiation Research in the United States

Statement of Task

An ad hoc committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will organize a symposium to discuss the future of low-dose radiation research and the need for a long-term strategy to guide low-dose radiation research in the United States. Specifically, the symposium participants will discuss:

1. The current status of low-dose radiation research in the United States and internationally.
2. Priority scientific goals for such research.
3. The potential value of a long-term strategy to guide low-dose radiation research in the United States.
4. Criteria to judge success of such a strategy and its essential components to maximize potential to succeed.
5. The pros and cons of different options for organizing such research, such as a single integrated national program or a more distributed research effort.

The symposium presentations and discussions will be summarized in a National Academies proceedings.