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Research Ethics and Policy Series



The 2023 NASEM Report on Using Population Descriptors in Genetics and Genomics Research

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Weds. April 10, 2024 12pm-1pm ET Hybrid

In 2021, the National Institutes of Health asked the National Academies to conduct a study to review and assess existing methodologies, benefits, and challenges in using race, ethnicity, ancestry, and other population descriptors in genomics research. To accomplish this task, the National Academies empaneled a committee of 17 members with expertise in various genetics fields, anthropology, sociology, social epidemiology, demography, and population statistics, as well as historical, ethical, legal, and social implications research, including Penn professor Dorothy Roberts. Professor Roberts will discuss the committee's consensus report, issued in March 2023, which examines the current use of population descriptors in genomics research, presents a set of guiding principles and overarching approaches, and recommends best practices.

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