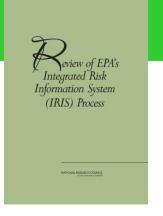




IRIS Workshop on the NRC Recommendations

Session 1

Systematic Integration of Evidence Streams for IRIS



The NRC discussed "guided expert judgment" and "structured processes"

- Is there a role for expert judgment in IRIS?
- What structural elements would be useful for IRIS?

Should there be one system for cancer and noncancer outcomes?

How does public engagement affect the integration of evidence?





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- What are the relative merits of guided expert judgment versus structured processes?
- What are the most important determinants of strength of evidence? How do they differ across evidence streams? How can we evaluate these in a replicable manner? Are there any differences in application to noncancer versus cancer outcomes?
- What is the best way to incorporate individual study evaluation decisions in the evidence-integration process?
 Are there some study evaluation decisions that are better made during the evidence-integration step?
- What lessons can be learned from past experience at national and international health agencies about desirable elements in evidence-integration systems?