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Abstract

The traditional medical model of health and health policy development has focused on individuals and the role of medical care in preventing and treating disease and injury. Recent attention to health inequities and social determinants of health has raised the profile of population heath and evidencebased strategies for improving the health of whole populations. At the same time, risk science has emerged as an important new discipline for the assessment and management of risks to health. This presentation traces historical developments in the fields of risk management and population health, and proposes a joint population health risk management framework that integrates the key elements of both fields. The use of the framework is illustrated through analyses of specific population health risk issues, including environmental radon, ambient air pollution, and prion diseases.

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Daniel Krewski was appointed Associate Scientific Director of PrioNet Canada in January 2008. He is the Director of the McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment where he holds the position of NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Risk Science. Dr. Krewski has been Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa since 1998. His professional interests are in epidemiology, biostatistics, risk assessment, and risk management and he has broad experience applied to national and international panels of experts in the fields of

health, life sciences, chemical safety, cancer and environmental hazards.

Dr. Krewski is a Fellow of the American Statistical Association and the Society for Risk Analysis, and a lifetime National Affiliate of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. He is also the Scientific Director of the PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre in Population Health Risk Assessment at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Krewski has contributed to over 450 publications in the scientific and technical literature, and is author or editor of six books.

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