



Politics, Money, & Science: Current Debates in Public Health & Health Policy

Could sitting too much really kill us? Are e-cigarettes just as bad as tobacco, or an aid to quit smoking? Public health issues are controversial. Join a former Vermont Commissioner of Health for a discussion of current debates in public health and explore how controversy can be both a helpful tool to raise public awareness and a hindrance for progress in health policy. Learn how and why politics, money and scientific debate fuel these spirited disputes.

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