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Dialogue 1

“Theoretical Risk”

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—————→ Lunch will be provided ←————

One of the goals of the Diabetes Prevention Trial for type 1 diabetes (DPT-1) is to determine whether antigen-based therapies of non-diabetic relatives of diabetics can delay development of type 1 diabetes. DPT-1, a randomized, controlled, nationwide, multicenter trial, was under way when it was criticized after researchers claimed to demonstrate in animal models that oral administration of autoantigens might actually induce autoimmune diabetes. How credible a risk is this to subjects? How should the risk be communicated to healthy subjects? Are special precautions needed for children?

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