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Dialogue 4

Statistics & Values: Identifying & Managing Hidden Preferences in Data Analysis

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—————> Lunch will be provided <—————
(No RSVPs required)

What are some of the key value-based assumptions and preferences underlying the statistical analysis of medical data? This Dialogue will identify several of these assumptions, which often go unexamined, and how they relate to issues of distributive justice, risk preferences, assessments of benefit and harm, and the authority of knowledge. The goal is to invite reflection and dialogue regarding how these preferences are inextricably incorporated into statistical analysis, and how to manage these preferences in a transparent manner.

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