

DIALOGUE 161

# When Science Meets Sport: Helmets, Head Injury & Public Policy

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*A light lunch will be provided; space is limited*

Football is an essential part of the American social fabric. With the help of television, many will arrange their schedules around games, debate player behavior, and, to watch games, will make excuses to avoid work, domestic duties, and keeping promises. Recently, a dark cloud has cast a pall on this national obsession. It is now known that playing football from childhood can be hazardous to your health. Current research has stained America's favorite pastime – at least for those who follow the research. Strikingly, recent discoveries have yet to elicit significant public concern, perhaps because culture, business and academic tradition are so entwined with the sport. How can we encourage children to engage in a sport we know can have adverse life-long health effects?

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