



Looking for Trouble: A Policymakers Guide to Biosensing

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Createspace. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 68 pages. Dimensions: 11.0in. x 8.5in. x 0.2in. Protecting the population against the effects of a bioterrorism attack is one of the most daunting tasks facing government officials. Some of the information required to make informed decisions is highly technical, and even the technical experts do not agree about many of the details or issues involved. This primer is written for the non-technical policymaker and is designed to assist him or her in reaching important decisions regarding how best to help provide early warning of a biological attack. The authors also present the results of an extensive statistical study that examined the utility of a system-of-systems approach to identifying a bioattack. Using a hypothetical system-of-systems that obtains medically relevant data from 10 sources, the study reaches several conclusions. Among them, that policymakers: Reassess efforts currently underway that attempt to capture data from absenteeism reporting, OTC pharmacy sales and medical claims reporting, because their value added may not be worth the cost. Increase efforts to collect medical data. These efforts would include, but not be limited to, capturing data from doctors offices and ER visits, as well as expanded veterinary...



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