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Risk Minimization Strategies: National and International Biosafety Program Management

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The Editors of *Applied Biosafety* are pleased to announce a forthcoming Special Issue focused on the myriad of topics associated with global biosafety management. This special issue will showcase examples of innovative approaches, creative solutions, and best practices developed and used around the world for managing risks associated with the handling, use, and storage of infectious biological agents, toxins, and potentially infectious materials in research and clinical settings.

Manuscript contributions are invited on a variety of topics, including, but not limited to:

- Creative approaches to risk assessment and risk mitigation strategies for biological agents
- Novel approaches to biosafety training for researchers, students, biosafety professionals, and IBC members
- Use of behavioral based biosafety approaches and outcomes
- Unique laboratory design and workflow examples
- Minimizing risk of established laboratory procedures
- Effective design and use of personal protective equipment for specific settings or circumstances
- Effective biosafety program management techniques
- Evidence based approaches to the collection and effective communication of biosafety program measures and metrics
- Articulating the value of biosafety programs to verify the necessary levels of support and resources to sustain the program
- Engagement with biosafety practitioners in the development of new policies, regulations, guidelines, and risk mitigation strategies, and how their inputs influenced the process
- Reviews of key guidance documents and policies involving global biosafety management, such as governmental, regional, national, global, and peer-reviewed biosafety guidelines.
- Risk communication strategies to raise awareness of the risks and benefits associated with conducting research with biological agents
- Compliance with export and import controls and other regulatory frameworks relevant biological agents
- Clinical biosafety considerations
- Overlap of biosafety and infection prevention and control to prevent infectious disease transmission in the workplace
- Global perspectives on managing biosafety when performing field collection or field research activities
- Applied examples of the hierarchy of controls used in laboratories engaged in high-risk biological research

Submissions will undergo a double-blinded, expert peer-review process in the **Special Issue on Global Biosafety Management**. **The deadline for submissions to the special issue is November 1, 2025.**

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Please refer to the [Instructions for Authors](#) before submitting your manuscript for consideration. Please select “**Special Issue on Global Biosafety Management**” as the type when submitting your manuscript.

If you have any questions or pre-submission queries, please contact Scott Patlovich at Scott.J.Patlovich@uth.tmc.edu.

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