

Molecular biology is providing a growing collection of tools for the study of exposures, susceptibility factors, and promoting and protecting factors involved in disease processes. Although biomarkers have been incorporated into epidemiologic research for many years, the explosion of potential uses for these markers in a multitude of steps along the disease causation pathway is an exciting development. Making the transition from laboratory-based to populationbased studies requires close cooperation and collaboration between laboratory and field scientists. This book is an excellent resource for all researchers involved in the quest to understand the determinants of disease and apply this knowledge to the maintenance of the health of the public.

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