Converging Issues in Veterinary and Public Health

The daily interactions of humans, animals, and the environment have a dramatic impact on public health. Current and evolving health threats include infections transmitted through animals, insects, food, and water, as well as illnesses resulting from environmental toxins, the misuse of antibiotics, and bioterrorism. Effectively meeting these challenges requires strong links between human and animal health clinicians, researchers, laboratorians, and public health officials.

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