**Firearms Violence Research:**

A discussion of the recommendations of the IOM Committee on Priorities for a Public Health Research Agenda to Reduce the Threat of Firearm-Related Violence, and the direction of future research to improve knowledge of the causes of firearm violence, the interventions that might prevent it, and strategies to minimize its public health burden. Featuring:

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