

Mistakes in epidemiological study design in gastroenterology and how to avoid them

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This article addresses common pitfalls in epidemiological research within gastroenterology that can reduce the utility of studies intended to advance evidence-based medicine.

KEY POINTS

- Primary research in gastroenterology is fundamental to evidence-based medicine, pushing scientific boundaries and underpinning decisions on patient treatment.
- Many gastroenterology professionals are directly involved in conducting epidemiological research.
- The article discusses common pitfalls that may render epidemiological research less useful than hoped.
- The authors emphasize from experience that having the right mix of people and skills from the project outset is critical.
- Collaborative research with diverse backgrounds and knowledge bases is presented as producing better and more enjoyable research outcomes.

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