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# State-of-the-Science Within HESI Scientific Session

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## INTRODUCTION

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- Historically, HESI has devoted one of the scientific session at our Annual Meeting to focus on ‘our science’. Today, 3 sections.
- **“Vaccine Safety”** – this topic was featured on the latest HESI ‘scientific map’ and will be the focus of a new RAI proposal that was approved by the HESI ExCom.
- **“Developmental and Reproductive Tox”** – this section will feature two ongoing activities of the HESI DART TC: drugs in semen and juvenile animal studies.
- **“microRNAs”** – this section will feature two ongoing activities of the HESI Genomics TC – both aimed at utility of microRNAs as new biomarkers.

