U.S. needs to focus more on vaccine safety:



The United States needs to

establish a permanent group that advises the government on vaccine safety and spend more money to address safety concerns about vaccines, the Institute of Medicine said Friday.

The institute, one of the National Academies of Sciences that advises U.S. policymakers, called for a stronger, more focused national vaccine strategy that sets the nation's vaccine research agenda.

"While the immunization system has functioned well through the years, we may have missed opportunities," Claire Broome of Emory University, Atlanta, who chaired the committee that wrote the report, said in a statement.

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