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- O To promote the co-ordination of a research strategy in different countries, for the scientific exploration of early human development in relation to chronic disease in later life
- O To promote the development and application of public health strategies to prevent chronic disease
- O To advocate for the need for funds from governmental and non-governmental sources for research in the developmental origins of health and disease
- O To champion training opportunities for scientists and clinicians
- O To foster regular meetings to discuss research findings and potential intervention
- O To promote the interchange of ideas, staff and expertise between laboratories across the world
- O To make representations to government, NGOs and other relevant agencies concerning the health implications of DOHaD

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