## PERSONALIZED HEALTH CARE: THE GENETIC GHALLENGE

Preventative strategies for addressing chronic diseases...

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## Selection of Issues (all need work!)

**DTC Testing and Popular Culture** 

**Impact on Health Systems** 

**Health Benefits?** 

**Patent Problems** 

Confidentiality/Privacy

**Consent Challenges** 

### What price personal genome exploration?

## Accessible genomes move closer

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Control of direct-to-consumer genetic testing

 $The \ human\ genome\ project\ has\ spawned\ a\ new\ commercial \\ of\ companies\ marketing\ genetic\ tests\ without\ acceptable$ field, molecular diagnostics. Some companies charge as proof of clinical reliability. much as US\$350000 to scan a person's entire genome to

forecast disease risk. Other companies claim to be able to letter sent to the Laboratory Corporation of America, the Last week, the FDA made a positive move. A warning st clinical laboratory company, states vaSure test is illegally marketed and

olic-health risk. Introduced in June, proteins in blood to assess whether varian cancer. Because the test was

Radoje Drmanac, et al., "Human Genome Sequencing Using **Unchained Base Reads on Self-Assembling DNA Nanoarrays**" Science (2010) - \$4500 sequences!

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My genome. By AMY HAD

### My genome. So what:

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uman genome research anticipated, the speed disease has quickened, and fed back to them in electro groups reveal individual genor page 53), and of a Han Chinese each - a fraction of that of the editions.

The age of personal genomes

In 2001 Collins and Mansoura declared that the "the most critical measure of the success of the HGP will be determined by the answer to this question: To what extent did the scientific and medical advances derived from the HGP reduce the burden of disease for all people?"

premature. After all, only four people's genomes have so far been fully sequenced and assembled, and it's still quite difficult to interpret the genetic variation found in them (see page 1014). But the participants soon began to realize that, in one sense, the meeting was overdue. Increasingly, private companies are offering personal genome scans and genetic tests for sale — and consumers are buying them. Meanwhile, some scientists earlier this week made public parts of their genetic and medical data through the Personal Genome Project,

Internet. Consumers can point their browsers to a slew of conten which can come from both trusted sources and charlatans. And in the age of e-mail whisper campaigns, lies "Scientists cannot can proliferate, opinions can replace facts, put the genie back and experts are no longer trusted to know

at the Experts' Genetic Secrets

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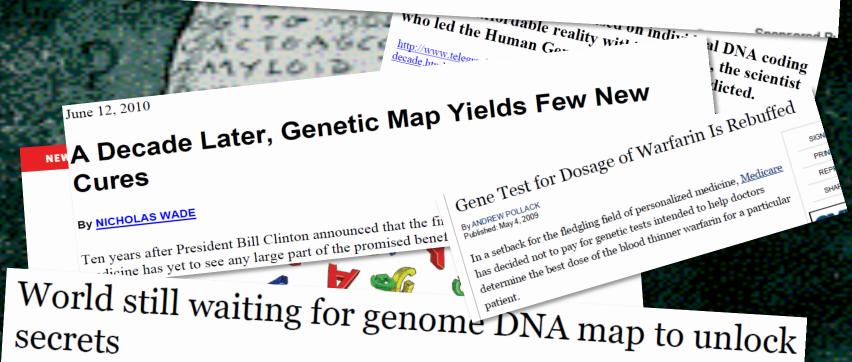
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Oberg touts 'right to know' in promoting DNA test firm

By Keith Gerein, Edmonton JournalJune 3, 2010



By Richard Gray, Daily TelegraphJune 20, 2010

### Canadian DTC Survey

(Ries, Hyde-Lay, Caulfield, (Public Heatlh Genomics, 2010)).

**Table 3: Willingness to Pay for Genetic Tests** 

Willingness to Pay for Genetic Testing	Manageable Disease	Serious, Unpreventable Disease	Determining Healthy Foods	Psychiatric Condition	Baldness (men only)	Risk of Gaining Weight			
nothing	36.9	48.3	54.5	50.1	83.9	72.5			
\$1-\$499	36.6	32.2	32.9	30.5	11.8	19.8			
\$500-\$1999	17.5	12.6	8.7	12.5	2.5	5.2			
\$2000+	9.0	7.0	3.9	6.9	1.8	2.5			
Public Health System Should Pay*									
Disagree	21.9	37.0	38.6						
Neutral	16.5	18.9	20.0						
Agree	61.7	44.1	41.1						

<sup>\*</sup>Respondents were only asked about publicly insured testing for the three tests indicated. The percentages for disagree and agree include responses of 'disagree/agree' and 'strongly disagree/agree'.

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**Table 4: Factors that Influence Interest in Genet** 

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	1	2	3	4	5	
Availability of treatment	16.1	5	17.7	19.6	41.6	
Curiosity	41	14	21.6	11	12.5	
Reproductive decisions	44.4	7	17.7	12.4	18.5	
Fear of discrimination	32.9	6.4	15.4	12.9	32.4	
Healthy lifestyle choices	24.3	7.5	22.1	22.3	23.8	

Reported as percentage of all respondents.

- Across all test categories, few respondents expressed willingness to pay more than \$500 out of their own pocket.
- Curiosity about genetic risk had only a modest impact on consumer interest.

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There is absolutely no question," he said, "that for the whole hope of personalized medicine, the news has been just about as bleak as it could be."

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Commentary –

Direct-to-consul David Magnus\*,

Addresses: \*Stanford Center fo & Policy, Institute for Genome payoff from such knowledge is years away. The idea that you will benefit in any tangible manner from knowing whether you are at an increased or decreased risk of, say, heart disease, is a fool's hope — in spite 2010 w ti

Third, the success of personalized medicine will depend on continued accurate identification of genetic and environmental risk factors, and the ability to utilize this information in the real world to influence health behaviours and achieve better outcomes. This will require

#### **OPINION**

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#### Has the revolution arrived?

Looking back over the past decade of human genomics, **Francis Collins** finds five key lessons for the future of personalized medicine — for technology, policy, partnerships and pharmacogenomics.

colon cancer, and lung cancer. Confronted with the reality of his own genetic data, he arrives at that crucial "teachable moment" when a lifelong change in health-related behavior, focused on reducing specific risks, is possible. And there is much to offer. By 2010,

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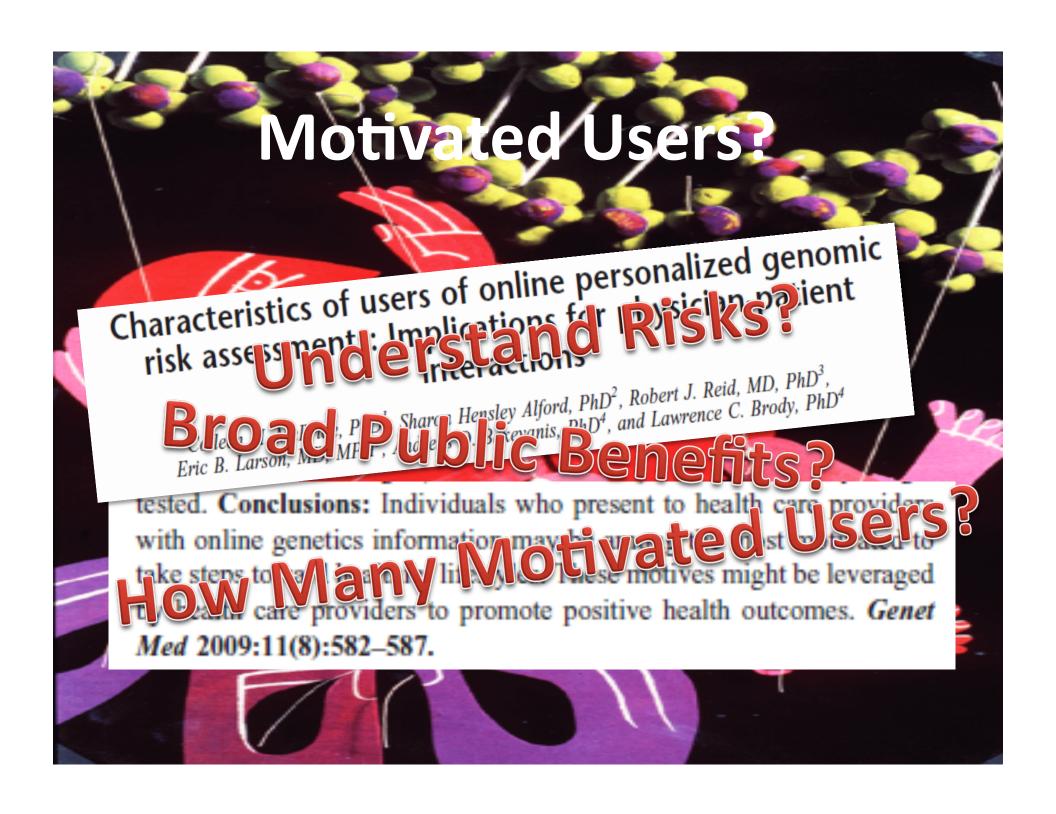
### Genes and Behaviour

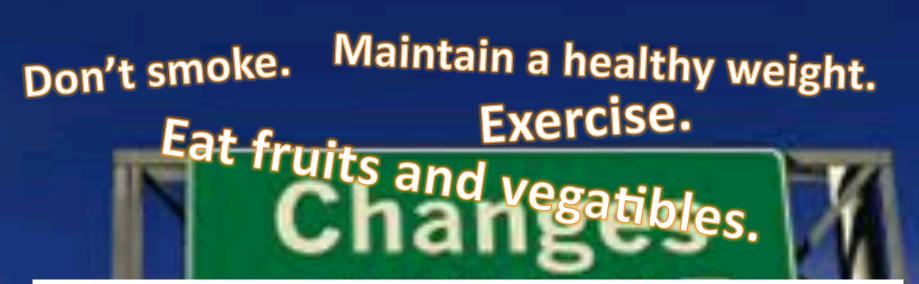
The Rehavioral Response

"Any risk communication expert would laugh at the suggestion [that genetic risk information would motivate behaviour change] ... We have long known from other areas of research that the communication of risk is necessary but rarely sufficient. And even if people do change, they all relapse."

Colleen McBride, Chief and Senior Investigator for the Social and Behavior Research Group at the National Human Genome Research Institute.

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Most Heart Patients Skimp on Exercise After Rehab

A year later, only 37 percent were doing cardio exercises 3 times a week, study finds

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## Dr. sel Hirschhorn, a genetics and obesity researcher at Children's Hospital Boston, said people should not interpret the study to mean, "I don't have the gene variant so I don't need to be physically active."

### Fighting the gene takes 3-4 hours a day

Or you can always live lik Amish, new research shows

Associated Press

updated 2:14 p.m. MT, Mon., Sept. 8, 2008

Maybe you CAN blame being fat on your genes.

But there's a way to overcome that family history

— just get three to four hours of moderate
activity a day.

Sound pretty daunting?

Not for the Amish of Lancaster County, Pa., who were the focus of a new study on a common genetic variation that makes people more likely to gain weight. It turns out the variant's effects

smoking or change or diets."







74% report they would use it to gain disease knowledge.

34% consider the information to be a medical diagnosis.

78% would ask their physician for help interpreting test results.

51% thought professional responsibility.

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Technology assessment and resource allocation for predictive genetic testing: A study of the perspectives of Canadian genetic health care providers

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