

# Genomic screening: Who is Ready?

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NHGRI's Genomic Medicine XV:  
Genomics and Population Screening

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# My Disclosure RE: Genomic Screening

I have published on where I think we are headed

- **Every Individual will have a comprehensive Genomic Dataset generated in the newborn period (created for their health and meant for use throughout their lives).**
- **This will be linked to their Electronic Health Record in a secure fashion.**
- **There will be two types of evidence-based indications to access it:**
  - [1] Reiterative “population screening” (based on age or other triggers)**
  - [2] Clinically indicated “diagnostic assessment”**

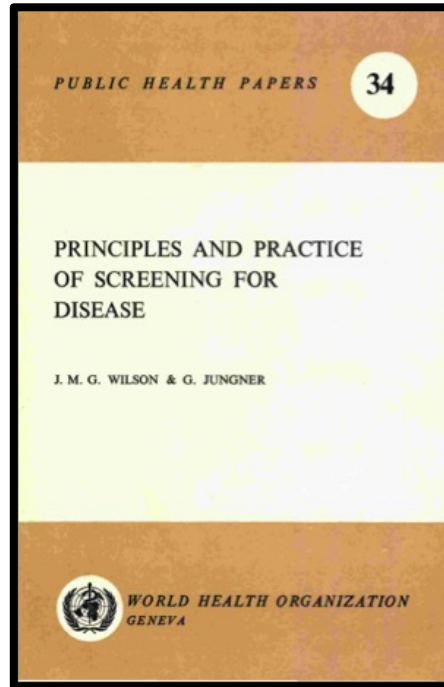
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“Genomic Screening: Who is Ready?”  
How long till we get there?

# ACMG Population Screening Workgroup

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# PROGRAMMATIC SCREENING FOR DISEASE



*Wilson JMG, Jungner G.  
Principles and practice of  
screening for disease.  
Geneva: WHO; 1968.*

# Screening for Disease v. Screening for Disease Risk

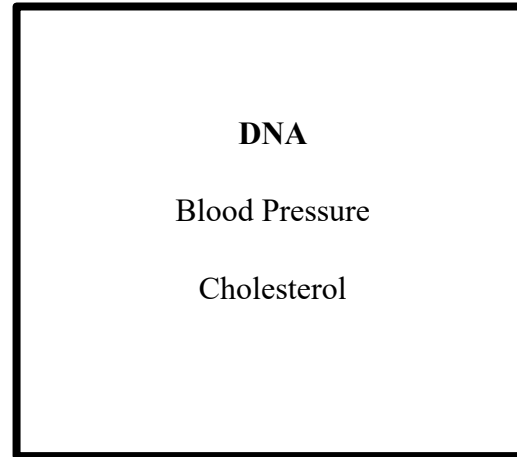
**Detecting Disease** → **Treatment**



California 1950s - Public Health Service  
mobile chest radiography

Cecily Miller et al. Eur Respir J 2017;49:1700364

**Detecting Disease Risk** → **Prevention & Early Diagnosis**

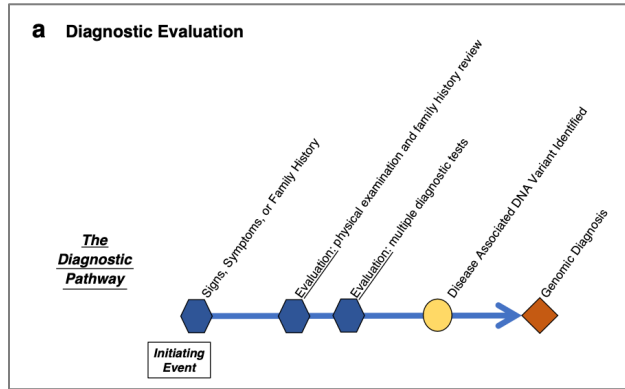


# Wilson and Jungner criteria in the context of DNA-based screening and population health

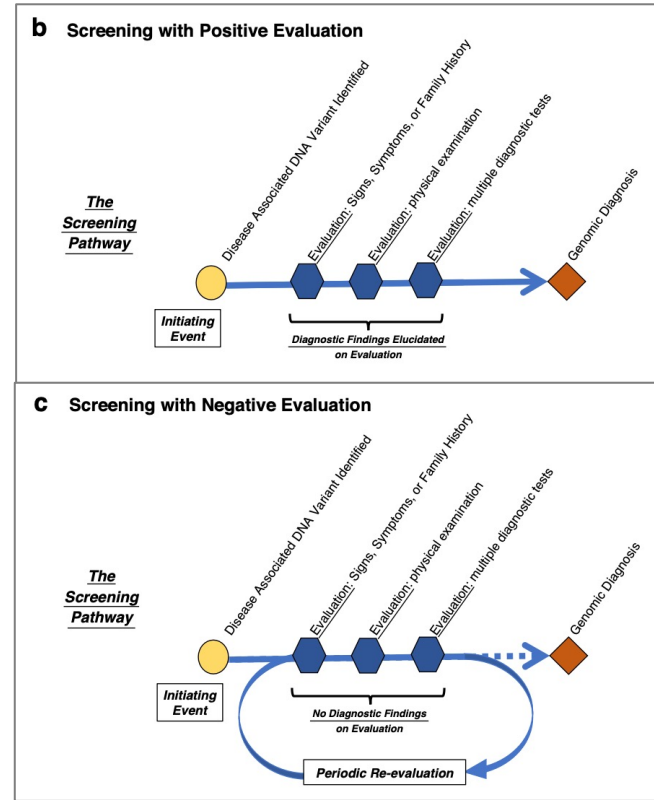
**Table 2.** Wilson and Jungner criteria in the context of DNA-based screening and population health.

Wilson and Jungner criteria	Criteria in DNA-based screening and population health context
1 The condition sought should be an important health problem.	Screening should focus on the identification of genomic risk(s) for important health problems.
2 There should be an accepted treatment for patients with recognized disease.	Options for evidence-based clinical actions should be communicated to patients in whom the genomic risk is identified.
3 Facilities for diagnosis and treatment should be available.	Clinical implementation strategies should be in place and available to anyone identified as having genomic risk.
4 There should be a recognizable latent or early symptomatic stage.	Screening should have the capability of identifying at-risk individuals during both presymptomatic and early symptomatic disease stages.
5 There should be a suitable test or examination.	The DNA-based strategy should constitute an improvement over existing strategies for risk identification and risk reduction.
6 The test should be acceptable to the population.	Proven screening applications should be available to all but individual participation should be optional.
7 The natural history of the condition, including development from latent to declared disease, should be adequately understood.	Anticipated penetrance and expressivity (i.e., natural history) should be understood based on data from comparable populations.
8 There should be an agreed policy on whom to treat as patients.	Consensus should exist on clinical classification and management for those patients who screen positive for genomic risk but in whom the evidence of the associated health problems is absent (i.e., nonpenetrant risk).
9 The cost of case-finding (including diagnosis and treatment of patients diagnosed) should be economically balanced in relation to possible expenditure on medical care as a whole.	Appropriate health economic analyses should be in place to understand programmatic costs and benefits.
10 Case-finding should be a continuing process and not a "once and for all" project.	There should exist plans for both: - Periodic <i>reanalysis of DNA variants</i> using updated information. - Periodic <i>clinical re-evaluation</i> of individuals with nonpenetrant risk.

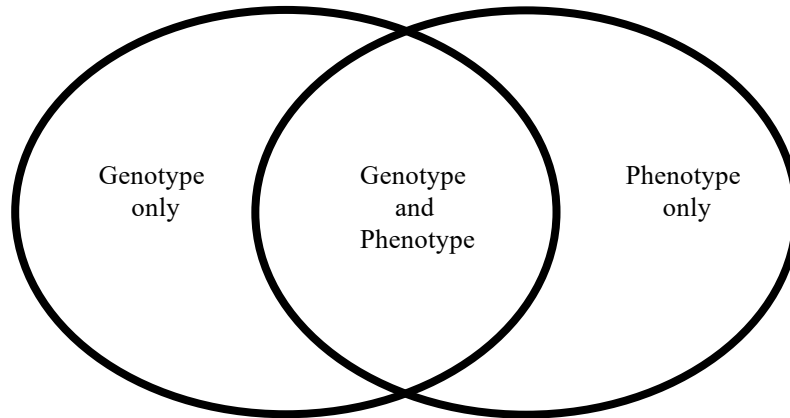
# Diagnostic genetic test v. Screening genetic test



 Genetic Test Result



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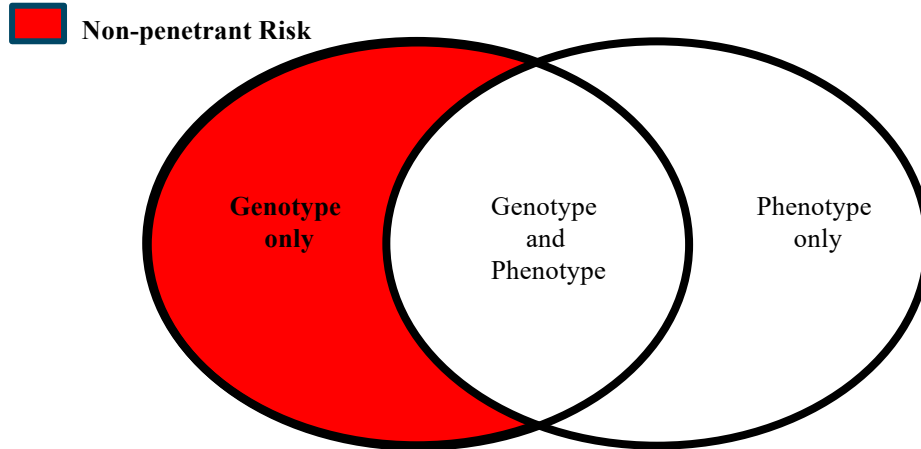


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*The details of the Venn diagram will almost certainly vary with the DISEASE, the GENE, (the VARIANT) and the POPULATION*

# Non-Penetrant Risk Prediction is Not Limited to DNA

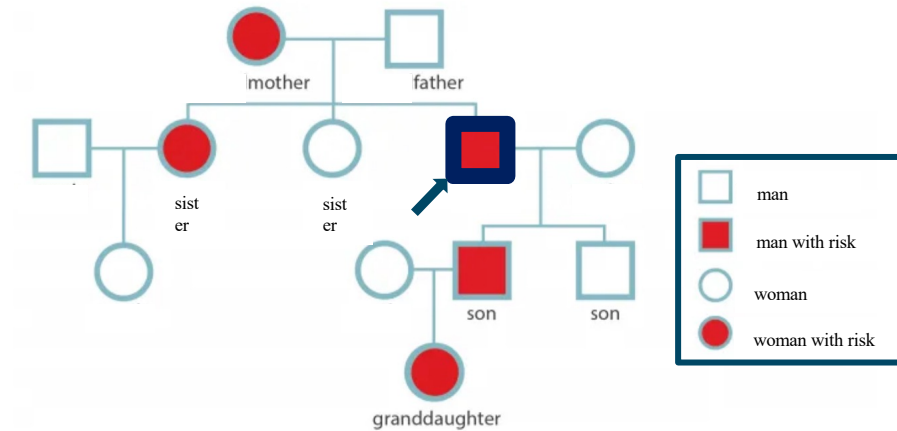
*Winnie Langley* is pictured here lighting her cigarette using the candle on her own 100<sup>th</sup> birthday cake.

She lived another 2 years and died in 2010 at age 102 years old.



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<https://familyheart.org/family-screening-for-fh-and-the-use-of-genetic-testing>

**Cascade testing is essential to evidence development  
in these early days of DNA-based Screening.**

**It is difficult but it is an important case identification  
multiplier that needs to be optimized**

# There is a recommended strategy in place for screening women of BRCA 1/2

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## Genetic Risk Assessment and *BRCA* Mutation Testing for Breast and Ovarian Cancer Susceptibility: Recommendation Statement

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force\*

This statement summarizes the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations on genetic risk assessment and *BRCA* mutation testing for breast and ovarian cancer susceptibility, along with the supporting scientific evidence. The complete information on which this statement is based, including evidence tables and references, is included in the evidence synthesis available through the USPSTF Web site ([www.preventiveservices.hhr.gov](http://www.preventiveservices.hhr.gov)). The recommendation is also posted on the Web site of the National Guideline Clearinghouse ([www.guideline.gov](http://www.guideline.gov)).

**USPSTF**  
**2005**  
**2014**  
**2019**

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## Risk Assessment, Genetic Counseling, and Genetic Testing for *BRCA*-Related Cancer in Women: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement

Virginia A. Moyer, MD, MPH, on behalf of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force\*

**Description:** Update of the 2005 U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendation on genetic risk assessment and *BRCA* mutation testing for breast and ovarian cancer susceptibility.

**Methods:** The USPSTF reviewed the evidence on risk assessment, genetic counseling, and genetic testing for potentially harmful *BRCA* mutations in asymptomatic women with a family history of breast or ovarian cancer but no personal history of cancer or known potentially harmful *BRCA* mutations in the family. The USPSTF also reviewed interventions aimed at reducing the risk for *BRCA*-related cancer in women with potentially harmful *BRCA* mutations, including intensive cancer screening, medications, and risk-reducing surgery.

**Population:** This recommendation applies to asymptomatic women who have not been diagnosed with *BRCA*-related cancer.

**Recommendation:** The USPSTF recommends that primary care providers screen women who have family members with breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer, or who have an increased risk for potentially harmful *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* gene mutations, including intensive cancer screening, medications, and risk-reducing surgery.

*Ann Intern Med.* 2014;160:277-287.  
For author affiliation, see end of article.  
\* For a list of the members of the USPSTF, see [www.uspstf.org](http://www.uspstf.org).  
This article was published online first on November 12, 2013.

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## Risk Assessment, Genetic Counseling, and Genetic Testing for *BRCA*-Related Cancer

US Preventive Services Task Force  
Recommendation Statement

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**IMPORTANCE:** Potentially harmful mutations of the breast cancer susceptibility 1 and 2 genes (*BRCA1/2*) are associated with increased risk for breast, ovarian, fallopian tube, and peritoneal cancer. For women in the United States, breast cancer is the most common cancer after non-melanoma skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death. In the general population, *BRCA1/2* mutations occur in an estimated 1 in 300 to 500 women and account for 5% to 10% of breast cancer cases and 15% of ovarian cancer cases.

**OBJECTIVE:** To update the 2013 US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendation on risk assessment, genetic counseling, and genetic testing for *BRCA*-related cancer.

**EVIDENCE REVIEW:** The USPSTF reviewed the evidence on risk assessment, genetic counseling, and genetic testing for potentially harmful *BRCA1/2* mutations in asymptomatic women who have never been diagnosed with *BRCA*-related cancer, as well as those with a previous diagnosis of breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer who have completed treatment and are considered cancer free. In addition, the USPSTF reviewed interventions to reduce the risk for breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer in women with potentially harmful *BRCA1/2* mutations, including intensive cancer screening, medications, and risk-reducing surgery.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:** The USPSTF recommends that primary care clinicians advise women with a personal or family history of breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer or who have an ancestry associated with *BRCA1/2* gene mutations with an appropriate brief familial risk assessment tool. Women with a positive result on the risk assessment tool should receive genetic counseling and, if indicated after counseling, genetic testing. (B recommendation) The USPSTF recommends against routine risk assessment, genetic counseling, or genetic testing for women whose personal or family history or ancestry is not associated with potentially harmful *BRCA1/2* gene mutations. (D recommendation)

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Final Recommendation Statement

## BRCA-Related Cancer: Risk Assessment, Genetic Counseling, and Genetic Testing

August 20, 2019

*Recommendations made by the USPSTF are independent of the U.S. government. They should not be construed as an official position of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.*

### Recommendation Summary

Population	Recommendation	Grade
Women with a personal or family history of breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer or an ancestry associated with BRCA1/2 gene mutation	The USPSTF recommends that primary care clinicians assess women with a personal or family history of breast, ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal cancer or who have an ancestry associated with breast cancer susceptibility 1 and 2 (BRCA1/2) gene mutations with an appropriate brief familial risk assessment tool. Women with a positive result on the risk assessment tool should receive genetic counseling and, if indicated after counseling, genetic testing.	B
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Divide all women into two groups

Just because Family History acquisition is not compensated doesn't mean its free

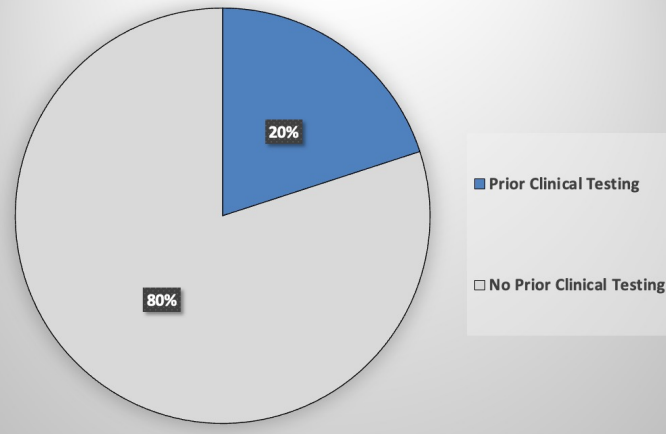
## Exome Sequencing–Based Screening for *BRCA1/2* Expected Pathogenic Variants Among Adult Biobank Participants

**Genomic Screening was carried out in 50,726 adults and 267 were found to have a pathogenic or likely pathogenic (P/LP) *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* variant**

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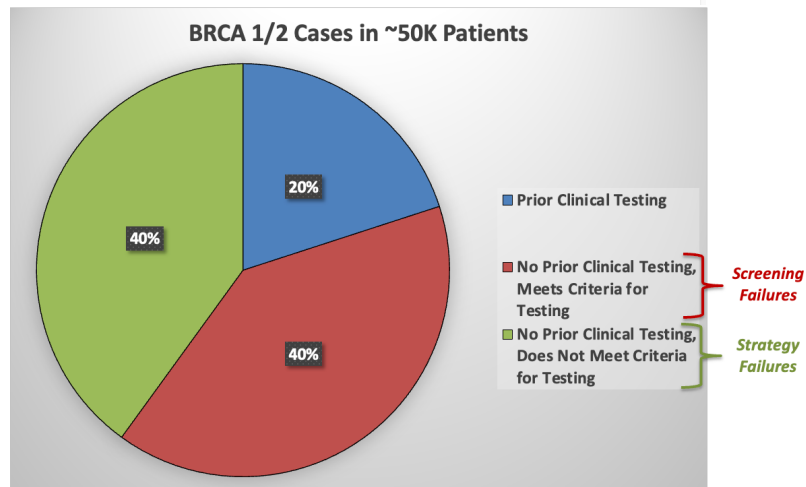
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**BRCA 1/2 Cases in ~50K Patients**





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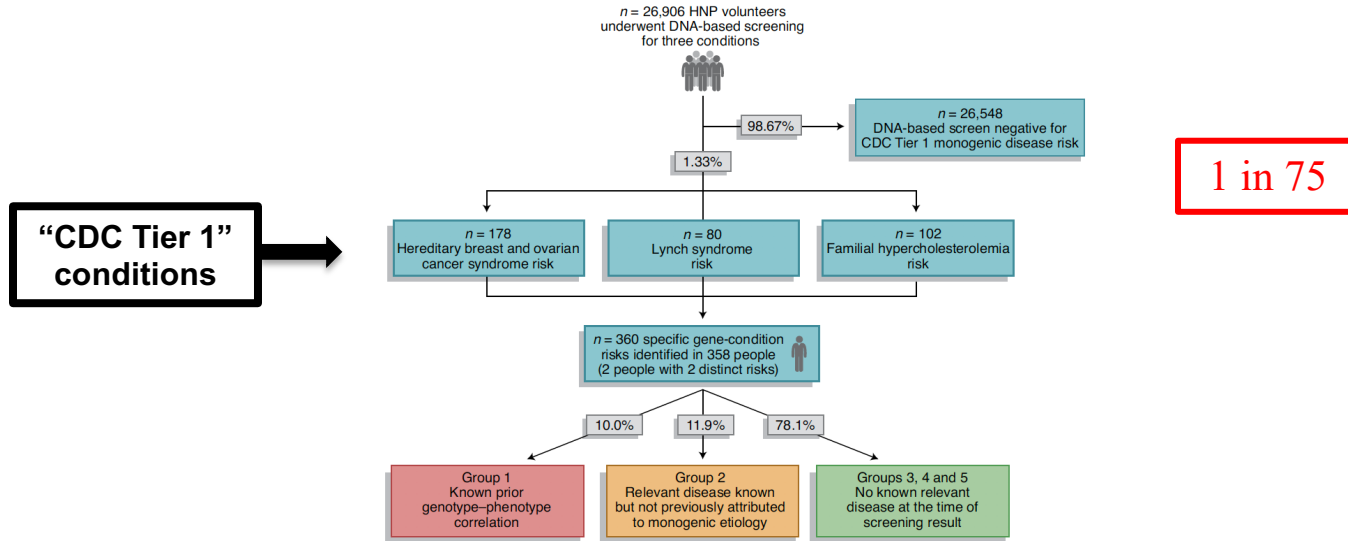


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**How many people with P/LP variants in *BRCA1* or *BRCA2*  
were unaware of their status prior to Genomic Screening?**

**> 8 of 10 Adults**

# Healthy Nevada Project (HNP)



# *In 2023: Screening 9 Genes for Three Genetic Syndromes*

would identify risk in  
~ 4.3M people in the United States

**1 in 75**

SCREENING FOR ELEVATED RISK OF		
<b>Heart Attack and Stroke</b>	<b>Breast, Ovarian, Prostate, Pancreatic Cancer</b>	<b>Colon and Uterine Cancer</b>
Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH)	Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer (HBOC)	Lynch Syndrome (LS)

**A screening strategy that includes this list is the likely starting point for population screens.**

**Which (if any) additional genes/conditions should be included is currently unclear.**

Clinical implementation strategies should be in place and available to anyone identified as having genomic risk.

## Population Genomic Screening for Three Common Hereditary Conditions

### A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

#### **Conclusion:**

Population genomic screening with a restricted panel of high-evidence genes associated with 3 CDC Tier 1 conditions is likely to be cost-effective in U.S. adults younger than 40 years if the testing cost is relatively low and probands have access to preventive interventions.

Guzauskas GF, et al. Population Genomic Screening for Three Common Hereditary Conditions : A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis. Ann Intern Med. 2023 May;176(5):585-595. PMID: 37155986.

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and

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To paraphrase Grosse and Khoury

**A screening test alone does not have inherent utility; the clinical utility of the screening test depends on effective access to appropriate interventions.**

# We are in an Era of “Genomic Screening Pilots”

## Research Genomic screening:

- Engaged Populations and Engaged Expertise should drive the what's considered for return.
- For example:
  - Pathogenic Founder Variants in *APOL1* and *TTR* are not on the list for some populations and are essential in others.
  - Monogenic risk for major psychiatric illness is something many sites would not be capable of taking on. But some sites can and should.



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# United States 2023 population is estimated at 339,996,563 people

<https://www.worldometers.info>

## ► Genomic screening: Who is Ready?

- We are not ready for routine implementation. Lots more research needed.
- We are going to discuss today and tomorrow some of the critically important ways that we are not ready, and why we need to work methodically and equitably to “get there”.



**What else to do?**

- I think consideration should be given to creating a timeline with milestones to completion of implementation.

**Thank you!**

**Questions/Comments**

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