Body Parts and Biotech –
The Question of Patient Consent

“The new field of genomics is likely to provide us with… certainty about individuals’ genetic makeup.” – Frank Cerra, M.D., senior vice president for health sciences, Univ. of MN, Minnesota Medicine, 10/03.

Will the Governor’s genetic research initiative threaten citizen privacy—and access to health insurance and employment? The proposed $35 million biotechnology initiative will fund genomic research by the Mayo Clinic and the University of MN. A genomics research center will be built. DNA analysis and sequencing equipment will be purchased. Housed at Mayo are 10 million human body parts (tissues, organs, and serum) collected during surgeries and autopsies. Mayo’s electronic medical records database has 4 million patient records. Plans include adding patient genetic profiles. Patient consent requirements are not yet part of the initiative. This forum gives the public the opportunity to consider potential consequences of unconsented genetic research.

Speaker

Ellen Wright Clayton, MD, JD, Director, Center for Genetics and Health Policy at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Clayton, practicing pediatrician and Rosalind E. Franklin Professor of Pediatrics, is a member of the Institute of Medicine committee on genomics and population health.

Panelist Response

- Dale Hammerschmidt, MD, Director of Education in Human Subjects Protection, Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota
- Catherine McCarty, Ph.D., MPH, Senior Research Scientist and Director of The Center for Human Genetics, Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation, Marshfield Clinic
- Minnesota Office of the Governor - Representative invited

Friday, February 25, 2004
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – Registration and Refreshments
Radisson Hotel Metrodome
615 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis, #612-379-8888

Admission $30  ($25 if registered by Monday, February 21)

----------------------------------------------- Registration Form ----------------------------------------------

Name(s) ___________________________________________
Company ___________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________
City ____________________________ State ______ Zip __________
Phone ___________________________ Email __________________________

Make checks payable to CCHC and send with this registration form to:
Questions? Call #651-646-8935, info@cchconline.org, www.cchconline.org