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**Were Parents Told Truth About Genomic Testing?**

A new study says parents are interested in newborn genomic testing. Really? Researchers surveyed 514 parents (mostly female, mostly white and mostly married) within 48 hours after birth, when parents are most vulnerable and exhausted. Researchers gave parents “a brief genetics orientation” and then a survey. Reportedly 18% were extremely interested and 28% were “very” interested.

The question is, how truly informed were these parents? No one should be asked these questions until they are rested and can think clearly. Were parents told that genomic sequencing would decode the child’s DNA, eliminate their child’s genetic privacy and put the baby’s DNA code in a government record? I doubt it.

“Parents are interested in newborn genomic testing during the early postpartum period.” Susan E. Waisbren PhD, et. al, Genetics in medicine, December 4, 2014

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