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Genomic Sequencing on the Rise in Clinics

A new report says more doctors are ordering whole genome sequencing because the costs have come down. It says sequencing can be beneficial for patients with hard-to-diagnose diseases, but often doesn’t lead to a cure.

Sequencing decodes your DNA into readable data that may diagnose an illness or predict what diseases you may be susceptible to in the future. The codes are only predictive. It may never happen.

Before sequencing a patient, researchers say, “Informed consent is essential.” Let me add that consent should include a requirement that the clinic delete all genetic data that a patient doesn’t want to know, hasn’t asked about, or doesn’t want recorded in their permanent medical record.


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