Newborn DNA Research Needs Ethics Discussion

Nature magazine has an interesting article on newborn dried bloodspots, the blood taken from the baby’s heel at birth. The blood is on a special card stored in state health departments, usually without parent knowledge or consent—and sometimes for decades.

A new study suggests that genetic research using the DNA in the baby’s bloodspots could determine how pregnancy influences the baby’s genes, including whether a gene turns on and causes disease or stays in the off position. This research needs an ethics discussion, especially as we move toward government-imposed cost controls. Learn more at itsmydna.org, itsmydna.org


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