Genetic links found between Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis

Another step toward understanding the genetic basis of disease — in particular how separate conditions may be connected at a genetic level — and developing truly personalized healthcare:

A study published recently in Nature found new genetic links between Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, two autoimmune gut diseases that affect as many as 1.4 million people in the United States. The research was an immense collaborative effort, combining the data from 75,000 people from 80 institutions including the Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital—both affiliated with Harvard Medical School—and the the Broad Institute.

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