

Genetic tests could pave way to 'personalised' asthma drugs

Routine and inexpensive genetic testing could save a significant number of [children](#) from being given drugs that fail to help their [asthma](#) and may even make it worse, scientists say.

It is accepted that specific medicines work better on some people than on others. Drug companies are exploring the possibilities for personalised medicines: drugs targeted to an individual's genetic makeup, which will therefore be much more effective.

But the reverse also holds true: that some drugs are likely to be ineffective and cause more side-effects in some people than in others.

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