

Prenatal tests racing from theory to practice

The following is an excerpt.

Only a couple of years ago, people were amazed at the idea of genetically testing a fetus using no more than a pin-prick of the mother's blood. Suddenly, the tests have become big business: Illumina recently paid almost half a billion dollars to acquire Verinata, one of at least four companies selling fetal tests, with [Sequenom](#), [Ariosa](#) and [Natera](#). Perhaps as a sign of the money to be made, [lawsuits](#) have [been flying](#) among [them](#). The talk is now of the tests' scope being determined not by the technology but by the market for it.

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