

## Whole genome sequencing at birth might change everything

The National Institutes of Health recently funded BabySeq, a project to sequence the genomes of several hundred newborns and determine the utility of having complete genetic information from birth. Companies are now offering a bewildering array of genetic tests directly to consumers, tests that go beyond estimating your genetic risk for devastating diseases like Alzheimer's or breast cancer.

Many genetic tests now cost less than a new iPhone, and Harvard geneticist George Church recently complained that too few of us are taking advantage of the information that genetics has to offer. The personal genetics industry seems poised to become a big part of our lives. But how trustworthy is this information?

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