

Families hope anti-genetic engineering groups don't stop gene cure for mitochondria disease

Hopes of tackling mitochondrial disease will be raised in a few weeks when the government announces regulations that will permit the use of an IVF technique that should rid affected families of the disorder. If these plans are approved by parliament, Britain will become the first nation to permit germ-line gene therapy, which will change the DNA of future generations to eradicate the condition.

Most scientists and doctors, particularly those who work with families touched by mitochondrial disease, support the technique. However, some groups oppose its use. "The social benefits for a relatively small number of women ... do not come near to justifying the potential health risks from these techniques to the child and the risks to global society that stem from human genetic engineering," said the campaign group Human Genetics Alert.

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