

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

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In the genomic age, genetic information is increasingly important for the management of health and disease. The average American's minimal genetics knowledge mixed with a very real fear that genetic information is not adequately protected is impeding the translation that is needed to integrate these discoveries into healthcare practice. Helping to secure appropriate protections for genetic information—like those afforded to other health information—is critical to the health of all Americans.

Genetic discrimination, unlike other types of discrimination, does not just affect a single individual. Often a case of genetic discrimination affects an entire family, across many generations. The Coalition for Genetic Fairness is working for passage of legislation that will protect all American's from discrimination in employment and insurance.

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For more see Sharon Terry's Presentation, November 11, 2005, at 1:00 pm, during the "Individuals Seeking Cures" Keynote Session.
