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- How would this work in practice?
 (e.g. compulsory, an opt in system, based on family medical history)
- Who pays for this?
 (e.g. governments, individuals)
- Who has access to the data?
 (e.g. babies, parents, caregivers, doctors)

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- What if there are increased chances of developing a condition that there is no treatment for?

(e.g. very little is a certainty, knowing can lead to worry)

- Should the data be used by companies for research too?
 (e.g. potentially speeding up new treatment discovery)
- Can the findings currently be acted upon?
 (e.g. do all medical professionals understand genomics)

What are the societal impacts (good and bad)?

- Should you then change the DNA?
 (e.g. treatments being more than just traditional medical)
- Would you only change heath related genes? (e.g. make designer babies)
- What unintended findings might you uncover? (e.g. parentage, parent's health conditions)



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- Who should decide this?
 (e.g. doctors, DNA sequencing company, the person themselves)
- How do you know the DNA test is correct?
 (e.g. the test is only as good as the method used)
- Who gives consent?
 (e.g. the person having the test done, the people the information relates to)

What are the medical impacts (good and bad)?

- Would you be able to get more accurate medical data?
 (e.g. biological family medical history)
- Are the right support systems in place to deal with this? (e.g. emotional and mental health support)
- Does this lead to the 'rich' having more access to healthcare than others? (e.g. these commercial tests are still relatively expensive)

What are the societal impacts (good and bad)?

- Who has the right to know?
 (e.g. doctor patient confidentiality, extended family, official records)
- Could you find things out about other people without their permission?
 (e.g. taking a sample from someone else and using the service)
- **Does it give you a sense of identity?** (e.g. ancestry, community)

