“The possibilities and pitfalls of personalized medicine - where is genetic engineering taking us?”

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Abstract: As the human genome is mapped many believe medicine will undergo a fundamental revolution moving from “one size fits all” diagnosis and treatment to a more individualized approach. This shift raises numerous ethical challenges such as how accurate diagnostic genetic testing should be, who should counsel patients, who will control genetic test information and how testing ought to be marketed. Dr. Caplan will review these and other ethical questions and suggest ways for moving medicine and public policy forward in the era of genomic medicine.

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