"Ethical concerns related to direct-to-consumer genetic testing for suicide risk and other mental health conditions"

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Most mental health conditions and symptoms are polygenic, in that their genetic risk is attributable to many gene variants with small individual effects. Even so, polygenic risk scores have been calculated for a variety of mental health conditions and symptoms, including suicide death and suicidal ideation. Some companies have already started to offer direct-to-consumer genetic tests for a variety of mental health conditions, and may soon offer to polygenic risk scores for suicide. We examine ethical and legal concerns related to this potential development and consider unique issues related to the direct-to-consumer evaluation of genetic risk for suicide.

Background Readings:
