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Disability, trust and marginalization in
precision medicine research
with Maya Sabatello, LLB, PhD

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Precision medicine research is gaining momentum across the healthcare landscape in the U.S. and elsewhere. Although in its infancy, precision medicine research holds promise for tailoring disease diagnosis, treatment and prevention to individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle. It is also hoped that precision medicine research will curtail the deep health disparities that have plagued the country; indeed, precision medicine is increasingly viewed as the new, future-looking healthcare model for improving individual and public health. These promises may be particularly salient for people with disabilities who can be key beneficiaries of precision medicine research but often experience health disparities.

This presentation will share findings from a national study that was conducted in the U.S. that explored interest in and barriers to participation in precision medicine research among people with disabilities. Our findings indicate that marginalization may have significant implications for the success of ongoing efforts to advance precision medicine research and that (dis)trust may play a key role in views about participation in precision medicine research. Better understanding of the unique barriers faced by such groups can facilitate the ultimate goal of precision medicine research to translate findings from research to bedside and public health benefits.

Maya Sabatello, LLB, PhD joins us from Columbia University where she is Associate Professor of Medical Sciences (in Medicine), Center for Precision Medicine and Genomics, Department of Medicine, Associate Professor of Medical Sciences (in Medical Humanities and Ethics), Division of Ethics, Department of Medical Humanities and Ethics, and Co-Director, Precision Medicine: Ethics, Politics and Culture Project.

There will be no background readings for this session.