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Genomics & Health Weekly Update

This weekly update provides information about the impact of human genetic research on disease prevention and public health.

Spotlight



The Surgeon General's Family History Initiative is a coordinated effort to increase America's awareness of the importance of family history, to provide accessible methods for easily obtaining an accurate family history, and to increase use of the family history in disease prevention and health promotion. Organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and other groups are teaming up to make Thanksgiving Day the annual National Family History Day. Thanksgiving Day 2004 will serve as the inaugural National Family History Day. Americans are encouraged to use a web-based tool (found at www.hhs.gov/familyhistory and available beginning Nov. 8) to collect and record their family's health history and to share this information with their healthcare professional.

CDC Announcements

The U.S. Surgeon General's Family History Initiative

Letter to Health Professionals

Genomics in the News

"Genetic testing issues land in primary care practices"

(November 8 issue) American Medical News reports, "With more patients asking about such tests, experts say primary care doctors will lead the genomic medicine revolution."

Genomics in the Scientific Literature

Opinion: Beyond race: towards a whole-genome perspective on human populations and genetic variation

Foster MW & Sharp RR
Nat Rev Genet 2004 Oct;5(10):790-6

HuGE Published Literature

Role of prostanoid DP receptor variants in susceptibility to asthma

Oguma T, et al.
N Engl J Med 2004 Oct;351(17):1752-63

Upcoming Events

November 11-13, 2004

SouthEastern Regional Genetics Group, Inc.
(SERGG) 2004 Annual Meeting
Sandestin, Florida

Let's Go Surfing

Inaugural issue of PLoS Medicine

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