

Considerations in healthcare reform for patients and families with genetic diseases: a statement of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics

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professional judgment to the specific clinical circumstances presented by the individual patient or specimen. It may be prudent, however, to document in the patient's record the rationale for any significant deviation from these recommendations.

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DISCLOSURE

The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics advocates for all patients with heritable conditions, including genetic diseases such as cystic fibrosis, sickle cell disease, Tay-Sachs disease, inherited cancers, and cardiovascular disease. Given the centrality of genetics to human health, the College supports health-care reforms that

- Decrease barriers to diagnosis
 - Provide coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions
 - Enable early disease detection and prevention
 - Ensure access to affordable treatments, including specialty drugs, medical foods, and other emerging therapeutics
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