Future Directions in Genetic and Genomic Research

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All of the original goals of the Human Genome Project have been accomplished

What's next?



Genomics to Biology

- Define the structure of human variation
- Sequence lots of additional genomes
- Reduce the cost of sequencing a mammalian genome to \$1000 or less
- Identify all functional elements of the genome
- Identify all the proteins of the cell, and their interactions
- Develop a computational model of the cell

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What's needed to identify the causes of common disease

- A catalog of human variation
- A map of how that variation is organized across chromosomes
- Improved technology for genotyping and DNA sequencing
- Advanced methods for collecting environmental exposure data
- Large numbers of well-characterized individuals, followed prospectively including healthy people

If we do this right, the major contributing genes for diabetes, heart disease, cancer, mental illness, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, asthma, and response to major drug classes will be identified within the next 5-10 years.







Genomics to Society

- Enhance genetic privacy and protection against genetic discrimination
- Encourage appropriate patenting and licensing practices to benefit the public
- Understand the relationship of genomics, race, and ethnicity, and bring this to bear usefully on the often contentious dialog about race
- Assess the ramifications of advances in understanding genetic factors that influence behavior
- Define boundaries of the appropriate application of genomics in the non-medical arena

Possible Areas for Focus by SACGHS

• Genetic discrimination

- Achieving a legislative solution for health insurance and the workplace
- Developing options for life, disability, and long term care insurance
- Need for exploration of potential discriminatory uses of genetics in adoption, education, the military...
- Genetic testing
 - Oversight to ensure clinical validity
 - Special concern: direct to consumer marketing

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Possible Areas for Focus by SACGHS (cont.)

- Minimizing roadblocks to genetic research while protecting human subjects
- Optimizing delivery of genetic services in the future
 - Workforce issues
 - Access issues
 - Cross-cultural issues
 - Reimbursement issues

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 14:22