A person’s genome has been described as an “instruction manual” that can tell each of us about the health risks we face so that our medical care can be individualized. The concept is appealing – and makes intuitive sense because we all observe individual differences in health that are not readily explained. But more than a decade after completion of the Human Genome Project, we see that the reality is more complex and perhaps more prosaic. As background reading for this discussion, please read “Can research on the genetics of intelligence be ’socially neutral’?” by D. Roberts. (Hastings Cent Rep 2015; 45 (No.5):S52-54.) For an example of questionable data interpretation, you may also like to read “A review of intelligence GWAS hits: Their relationship to country IQ and the issue of special autocorrelation,” by D. Piffer. (Intelligence 2015;53: 43-50.) For copies of both articles, please contact Linda Carr-Lee Faix at linda.carrlee@hsc.utah.edu

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