The intersection of public health research and the genome sciences provides a rich source of ethical, legal and social issues. These range from the duties of policy makers and scientists to make sense of probabilistic data to the difficulties faced by investigators who must apply rules for valid consent in novel circumstances. Indeed, all stakeholders have the duty to marshal and evaluate complex data – and to safeguard public health.

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