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Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act – Will GINA Expand Subject Enrollment?

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Mailman Center for Child Development, Room 3023

→ Lunch will be provided ←
(No RSVPs required)

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) was signed into law by President Bush in May 2008. GINA was drafted to prevent discrimination in health insurance obtained privately or via employment. One of the commonly sited reasons for drafting and passing GINA was the desire to end fear of discrimination based on the results of genetic testing. Many felt that one of the limitations of subject enrollment in genetic studies was this fear of discrimination. This presentation will include a basic introduction to GINA and a discussion about the practical application of GINA for the genetic research community.

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