

# Examining Genetic Literacy and Numeracy in the General Population

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**“Examining Genetic Literacy and Numeracy in the General Population”  
Opt-In Electronic Informed Consent**

You are being asked to participate in a research study on decision making. You were selected to participate in this project because you use MTurk. The purpose of this study is to gain a deeper understanding of how people understand risk make decisions for genetic testing. The testing situation is imagined, it is not real. The study will be conducted through this online survey. The survey should take you about 12 minutes to complete.

There are no direct benefits to you, but you may feel gratified knowing that you helped further the scholarly work in this area. There are no costs to participate. Participation is entirely voluntary. There will be no adverse consequence for not participating or discontinuing participation after beginning the survey. If you complete this survey, you will receive \$2.00. If you discontinue, and do not complete the survey, you will not be paid. At the end of the survey you will receive a special code to be paid by Mturk. In order to receive payment, you need to provide the completion code in MTurk.

We will not collect any of your individually identifiable information. The Investigators will exert all reasonable efforts to keep your responses and your identity confidential. Several measures are in place to protect your identity and ensure confidentiality. Tracking cookies will be turned off and we will not record your IP address. We use a protected (encrypted) web-based platform and responses will be aggregated(added together) and described in summary.

The Institutional Review Board at Mass General Brigham and internal Mass General Brigham auditors may review the research records. State or federal laws or court orders may also require that information from your research study records be released. Otherwise, the researchers will not release to others any information that identifies you unless you give your permission, or unless we are legally required to do so.

*Certificate of Confidentiality*

This research is covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. This means that the researchers cannot release or use information, documents, or samples that may identify you in any legal action or suit unless you say it is okay. They also cannot provide them as evidence unless you have agreed. This protection includes federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings. An example would be a court subpoena.

There are some important things that you need to know. The Certificate DOES NOT stop reporting that federal, state or local laws require. Some examples are laws that require reporting of child or elder abuse, some communicable diseases, and threats to harm yourself or others. The Certificate CANNOT BE USED to stop a sponsoring United States federal or state government agency from checking records or evaluating programs. The Certificate DOES NOT stop disclosures required by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Certificate

also DOES NOT prevent your information from being used for other research if allowed by federal regulations.

Researchers may release information about you when you say it is okay, including as described in this form. For example, you may give them permission, as you are doing in this form, to release information to insurers, medical providers or other persons not connected with the research. The Certificate of Confidentiality does not stop you from willingly releasing information about your involvement in this research. It also does not prevent you from having access to your own information.

If you have questions or concerns concerning this research, you may contact the Principal Investigator Andrew Dwyer at [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]  
If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the MassGeneral Brigham Institutional Review Board at [IRB@mgb.org](mailto:IRB@mgb.org)

This study was reviewed by the Mass General Brigham Institutional Review Board and its approval was granted on June 25, 2025.

If you agree to the statements above and agree to participate in this study, please press the "Consent Given" button below.

☐ Consent given

☐ Reject the survey