

Hi Vesna,

The document looks good. Have only a couple of comments.

I agree with David that the patient should always be notified that their genetic relatives are being contacted regardless of whether consent has been given or not. The point made about consent being a continuous (and flexible) process is a key fundamental. The nature of the consent (or non-consent) often evolve as the ongoing discussions develop within the patient-doctor relation and the evolving family relationships. Patients and their doctors do not have to agree completely to have an effective and functional ongoing relationship.

I presume that if the ALRC recommendations for a unified Australian Privacy Act and the Unified Privacy Principles are adopted (have they?), then the changes follow on?

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