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Precision medicine promises to usher in an era of individualized and targeted medicine, with therapies, behavioral advice, dosages, and prognoses all tailored to the individual patient. But these promises come with a range of costs, from increasingly expensive “custom” drugs to the collection of increasing amounts and increasingly personal information. Bioethics as a field has roles to play as the health care and public health systems move to adopt aspects of personalization across the services and programs they deliver. These include ethical and policy analysis and research to better understand the ethical issues raised by precision approaches to prevention and care, and empirically-informed policy recommendations for the introduction and use of precision approaches to medical care and public health. This lecture will examine some of the ethical and policy issues arising with the advent of precision medicine, the work that bioethics as a field can do to help address them, and will make some predictions about what the future holds.



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