

Eye on Genetics

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Secretary of HHS Donna Shalala appointed the chair and members of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing. The committee will "help the department formulate policies on the development, validation, and regulation of genetic tests, particularly DNA-based diagnostics," according to the press release. The nominees comprise individuals who have distinguished themselves in the areas of genetic testing, medical genetics, genetic counseling, primary healthcare, public health, clinical laboratory management, diagnostic technology, ethics, law, psychology, social sciences, and patient/consumer advocacy. The first meeting of the committee was held in June.

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