

Updating precision: Ethical and societal aspects of precision medicine in the era of big data

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PROGRAM

10:00-10:15

Opening remarks

Effy Vayena, Chair of Bioethics, Health Ethics and Policy Lab, ETH Zurich

10:15-11:15

The value(s) of Precision Medicine Barbara Prainsack, Head of Department of Political Science, University of Vienna

11:15-11:50

A public symposium

The quest for a more granular, patient-tailored understanding of human disease has animated precision medicine over the course of the last two decades. Major improvements in the quality and ease of genome sequencing have propelled the expectation that precision medicine may be at an inflection point. However, with few exceptions, the large-scale clinical implementation of genomics has not yet materialized.

Re-imagining precision in medicine: the case of immuni-oncology **Luca Chiapperino**, University of Lausanne

11:50-12:25

Public preferences towards data management and governance in biobanks

Kelly E. Ormond, Health Ethics and Policy Lab, ETH Zurich

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13:30-14:05

Expectations and attitudes towards medical artificial intelligence Julia Amann, Health Ethics and Policy Lab, ETH Zurich & Careum

14:05-14:30

Insights from Precise4Q - Predictive Modelling in Stroke Julia Amann, Health Ethics and Policy Lab, ETH Zurich & Careum, and Alessandro Blasimme, Health Ethics and Policy Lab, ETH Zurich

14:30-15:00

Panel discussion moderated by Alessandro Blasimme

15:00-15:15

Closing remarks

Alessandro Blasimme, Health Ethics and Policy Lab, ETH Zurich

In the meantime, medicine is embracing a digital turn fueling yet another wave of promises and anticipating yet another paradigm shift in patient care. Big data such as electronic health records, geolocation data and sensor data from portable devices are at the core of this trend. Predictive analytics including the use of artificial intelligence for a variety of clinical tasks are key drivers in big data-driven medicine.

In this workshop we explore how the notion of precision is evolving at the intersection of personalized medicine and big data. In particular, far from taking the promise of precision in medicine as a byproduct of technological development, we set out to discuss the assumptions about human health and disease that sustain the quest for precision in the first place. We will thus interrogate how such transformations invest research participants, scientists, patients, physicians, healthcare institutions and policy makers.

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