

advocates

impact

potential

revolutionize

risk factors

Many people believe that genetic testing will continue to _____ the practice of medicine. These _____, who support genetic testing, believe it has the _____ to save many lives. They point out that after genetic testing, patients will know their _____ and will be able to better choose their treatment plans. These supporters acknowledge that the _____ of getting a positive test result could be devastating but point out that, with proper counseling, people will have the tools to make the best decisions for their individual situations.

consult

environment

linked

reliable

skeptical

However, others are _____ of the value of genetic testing. For one thing, some people don't believe it is _____. In addition, they note that without professional help to interpret the results, patients may experience more harm than good from the tests. Of course, there wouldn't be a problem if patients were required to _____ with their doctors about the results. Another issue is that some diseases are not caused by genetics, but rather are _____ to lifestyle, _____, or a combination of the two.

alternative

consensus

conventional

interaction

A further area of concern is that doctors still do not fully understand the _____
11. between specific genes and how this affects the possibility for disease. Although there may never be complete _____
12. on the value of genetic testing, the way the public and the medical establishment view specific treatments and therapies may change over time. Don't forget that when Norman Cousins first used Laughter Therapy in the summer of 1964, it was definitely viewed as a(n) _____
13. therapy. Nowadays, it is used in many hospitals around the world and has entered the realm of _____
14. medicine.