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Maren Scheuner, MD, MPH is a Natural Scientist in the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the RAND Corporation. She is trained as an internist and clinical geneticist and is recognized as a leader in the field of common disease genetics. Her particular area of interest is health services and policy research related to effective and efficient clinical integration of genetic services and new genetic technologies. She has more than 12 years experience providing clinical genetic services, and from 1995 to 2003 she served as the director of a clinical genetics program for adults at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. From 2002-2005, she was a recipient of a 3-year career development award in public health research and practice sponsored by the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. During this time she developed family history tools that aid in the recognition of high-risk individuals allowing for more efficient use of new genetic testing technologies. These tools are integral to the CDC Family History Public Health Initiative and the U.S. Surgeon General's Family History Initiative. Her current research activities focus on evaluation of the clinical validity and utility of these instruments. Dr. Scheuner is a senior researcher at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and she has a visiting appointment with the UCLA School of Public Health. She also serves on a number of committees addressing educational issues and access to quality genetic services, and has authored many articles and book chapters regarding genetic risk assessment and disease management and prevention.