Future opportunities and challenges in genomic medicine

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Genetics has long served as a vanguard for the integration of large-scale data science into biomedical research. Over the past two decades, the discipline has progressed along two intertwined trajectories. On one front, quantitative genetics is transitioning from research to clinical application, offering the potential to refine diagnostic precision, personalize therapeutic strategies, and anticipate treatment outcomes at the point of care. Concurrently, genetic architectures are increasingly embedded within systems biology and multimodal analytical frameworks, acting as scaffolds for the integration of high-dimensional biological data across diverse modalities. This presentation will explore the transformative potential and inherent complexities of genetics in the era of big health data and 'omics-driven scientific investigation, and will set the stage for subsequent discussions that delve deeper into emerging methodologies, translational opportunities, and the evolving landscape of precision medicine.