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Necessary but Not Sufficient: How Our Current Conceptualization of Privacy and Our Approach to Data Protection Fall Short in the Era of Genomics and Big Data

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Abstract: For decades, the cornerstones for protecting the privacy of personal information have been consent and anonymization. As well, most countries’ privacy laws are structured around the 1980 OECD “Fair Information Principles”. These approaches fall short in addressing privacy concerns in light of developments in “big data” analytics and genomics. In this presentation, I explore these shortcomings and some of the solutions being put forward.