How overturning Roe v. Wade restricts the power of genomics

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On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, the landmark case that guaranteed the constitutional right to abortion for almost 50 years. This decision not only impacts the individual rights of women but also has implications for health care and research. As a genetic counselor, I can already see the harmful effects of this decision on the patients I work with and the field of genetics.

Abortion is a personal decision, and the right to make that choice should be respected. Yet, the overturning of Roe v. Wade is bad for science, medicine, and healthy families. It will affect how we deliver care and decision-making for expecting families, and will continue to affect their lives. However, a...