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## Genomics in the Family Office

*“A disease is considered rare if it affects fewer than 200,000 people per year. But just because a disease may be rare does not mean that rare diseases are rare. There are about 7,000 such diseases as presently categorized, and up to 1 in 10 people in the U.S. has a rare disease or disorder according to the rare-disease advocacy organization Global Genes.”*

– Liz Lewis, *Sapiens*

*“You can’t close your eyes and will this away. You feel it in your being that you have to do something.”*

– Alice Anane

Standing outside the door of the family conference room in Caesarea, Israel, Alice Anane reviewed the details of her proposal one last time. She had called the meeting of her family members with what sounded like a simple enough goal: moving the family forward. Given knowledge of the family’s complexity, a trusted advisor had counseled Anane on the potential value of a “family genomics charter,” and Anane was convinced of its benefit. Yet both introducing and further gaining the passing