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Community Consultation: Reforming Legal Capacity, Decision-making and Guardianship Law

ARCH Disability Law Centre, July 23, 2014

The Law Commission of Ontario (LCO) is undertaking a major review of Ontario's substitute decision-making and guardianship law. They are seeking input from the community to help them better understand how current laws work and what problems exist. This information will help guide recommendations for law reform. **You can play an important role in this process by helping the Law Commission gather information.**

If you are a person who receives assistance making decisions, or if you are a person who helps another individual make decisions or who makes decisions for another person, **the Law Commission wants to hear from you.** In particular, the Law Commission asks you to complete a questionnaire. For further details, click [here](#).

Insurance companies shouldn't seek genetic test results, says privacy watchdog

Canada's privacy watchdog is urging insurance companies and others to stop asking applicants for access to the results of genetic tests.

Toronto Star, July 10, 2014

Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien says it is becoming more of a challenge to protect people's genetic privacy with recent advances in science and technology.

"We are calling on the industry to refrain from asking for existing test results to assess insurance risk until the industry can clearly show that these tests are necessary and effective in assessing risk," Therrien said in a statement Thursday. For the full article, click [here](#).



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HD RESEARCH NEWS

A starring role for astrocytes in Huntington disease?

HDBuzz, July 29, 2014

We know those famous cells called neurons are important in Huntington disease. But the brain has other cell types with 'supporting actor' roles. New research has shown that brain cells called astrocytes may misbehave in HD, allowing the neurons to malfunction. Click [here](#) for the full article.

HD mice provide a useful failure

HDBuzz, July 22, 2014

The goal of everyone in the HD community is to come up with effective therapies for the disease. A recent publication describes a study in an HD mouse model that comprehensively shows that a proposed therapeutic approach doesn't work. Why are we excited about this bad news? Click [here](#) for the full article.



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