



Effective Health Care

Genetics of Macular Degeneration and Arthritis Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- Genetics of macular degeneration and arthritis does not fit within the domain of the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program because studies relating to the specific genetic mechanisms of disease do not fall within the scope of this program. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.

Topic Description

Nominator: Individual

Nomination Summary: The nominator discusses recent findings of a gene that causes inflammation in the pathway for developing macular degeneration in the elderly. She questions whether this gene is also related to arthritis, based on inflammation, and requests any information on this gene related to other inflammatory diseases and that new research be done.

Key Questions from Nominator: 1. Is any other gene research on this particular inflammation gene being applied to other diseases besides macular degeneration?

Considerations

- The topic does not meet EHC Program appropriateness criteria. (For more information, see <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/>.)