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Hi [REDACTED]

The only concern I can see from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups is that medicine has a historical legacy of subjugating Indigenous Peoples and people of colour to experiments in the name of science involving our body parts and genetic material without our consent. The establishment and legitimisation of a specialty that looks at genetics could raise concern from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples given repatriation is still occurring in Australia to retrieve our people from hospitals, museums and labs who were unlawfully removed in the name of advancing medicine.

I suggest that there's more that needs to be done from the specialty to educate the public which includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples on their scope and benefit of practice, and to reassure Indigenous Peoples that this specialty will not be perpetuating the atrocities of the past, and detail how we, including our family members have rights to dictate how our genetic material is used, stored and disposed of.

Let me know if you have any further questions. Apologies again for the late advice.

Kind Regards,

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