

Gene Jury

PGD

Some people have concerns about the use of technology to choose the genes of babies (PGD). Other people are pleased about it and feel it will benefit many families.

Read these statements and sort them into concerns and benefits.

Which do you think are the most important points to consider?

Not natural - interfering where we shouldn't

Can save the life of a brother or sister

Avoids the great cost of treating a sick baby and child

Prevents heartbreak of raising a sick child or a sick child dying

Removes disease genes from the family and general population forever

Reduces the need for abortion /termination

Only wealthy people will be able to afford it

Opens the way for choosing favoured characteristics e.g. gender, eye colour etc.

'Wastage' of embryos. Only healthy embryos used

Wrong to choose on behalf of another person - baby's views cannot be considered. How will they feel about it when they are grown up?

This is new technology it might lead to an unintended bad effects on child later in life

Reduces the number of miscarriages a couple may have to endure