

## Note from the Latin America

### Genetics services

In the 1930-40s, a few North American geneticists visited South America and helped the development of research centers in cytogenetics and population genetics mainly in Brazil and Argentina. In the 1950-60s, human genetics was established in those two countries, also in Chile. Several very well recognized Latin American geneticists reported new genes and diseases, also they had the opportunity to study in USA, UK, France, Italy, Germany and Spain, and a couple of strong transnational collaborations began at those times. Some Latin American countries recognized the specialty of clinical genetics before many European and other countries, among them is Brazil, which became a solid center for the development of human and medical genetics in Latin America. However, social inequalities, as they are manifested in Latin America, create barriers in access to genetic services, which may increase and come along with the technological advances.

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