

## **OVERVIEW**

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### **Carrier screening of recessive disease: Universal screening**

Recessive disease carrier screening for 100+ genes is now being performed in the US and Europe. In comparison to minimal screening for thalassemia or cystic fibrosis, this method identifies more couples at risk of having children with genetic disease. It also presents challenges in genetic counseling and clinical implementation. We discuss experiences and considerations for this new protocol for population-based screening.