

# Gattica is Here! ... well, in NZ

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An Auckland clinic has been given the go-ahead to begin screening embryos for parents wanting to give birth to babies without genetic disorders.

The screening technology - pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) - will allow parents who are at risk of passing on certain inherited diseases to choose a "healthy" embryo to start a pregnancy.

The long-awaited move has been welcomed by parents keen to use the service, but opponents fear it is the start of a slippery slope towards "designer babies" and discrimination against those with disabilities.

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