

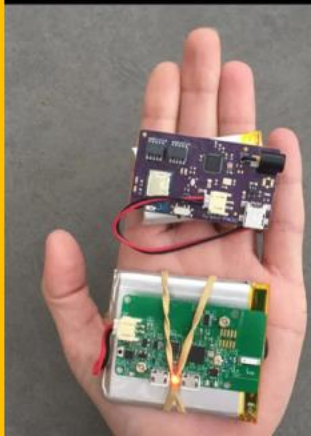
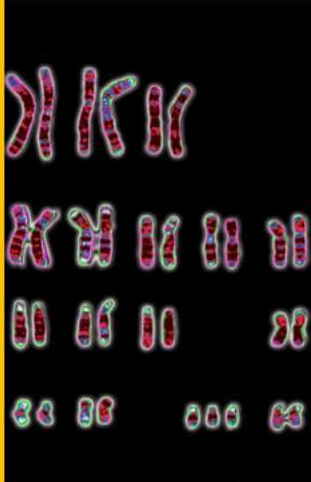
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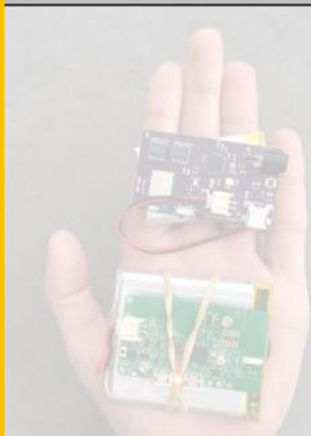


“If they had talked to the patient first, they would’ve pointed that out right away. You’re going in the wrong direction here.

People with Parkinson’s should be the ones who are designing these things.”

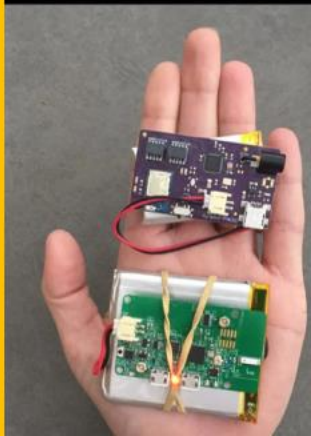
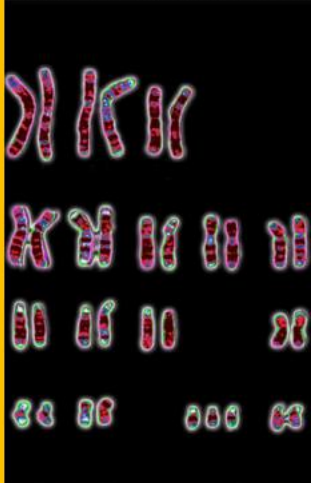
Barry, Spouse of DBS User

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Biomedical technologies are designed to ostensibly provide new kinds of knowledge or autonomy.

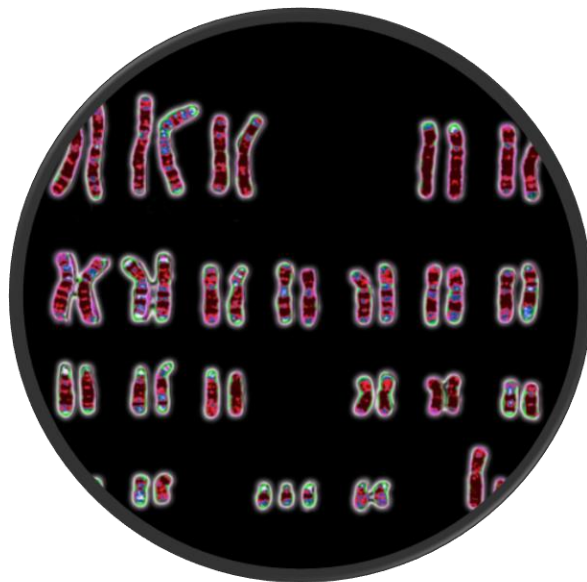
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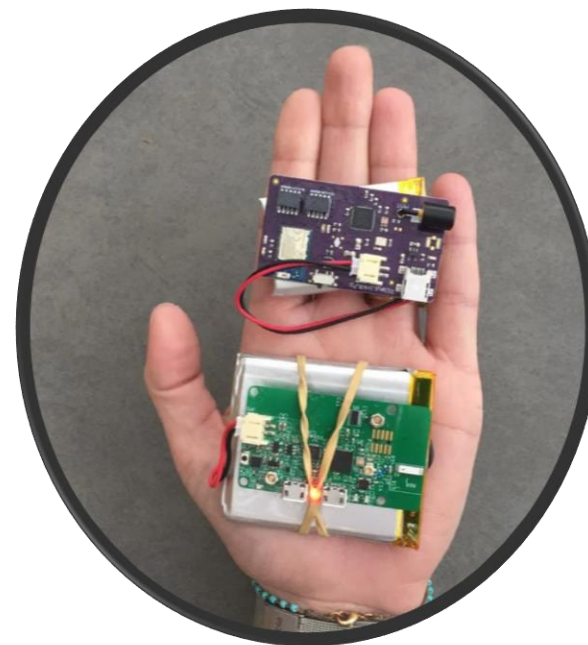
Deep Brain Stimulation



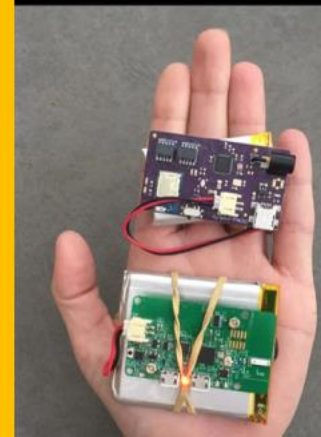
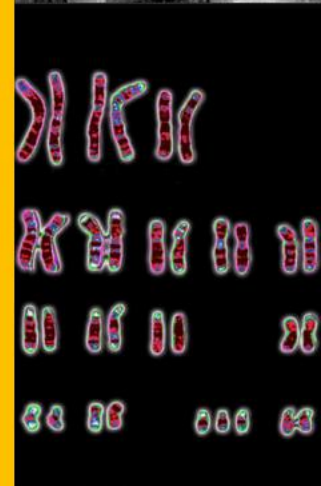
Prenatal Genetic Screening and Testing



Artificial Pancreas Systems



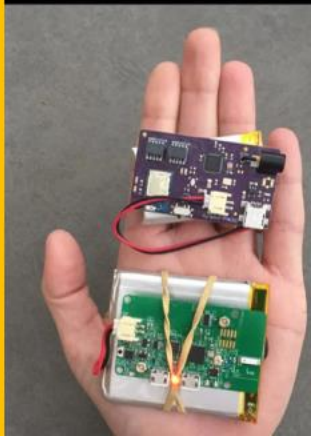
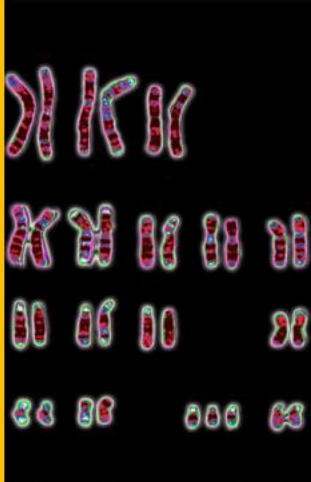
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Technoableism is “a rhetoric of disability that at once talks about empowering disabled people through technology while at the same time reinforcing ableist tropes about what bodyminds are good to have and who counts as worthy.”

Shew, 2020

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The Promise of Self-Responsibility

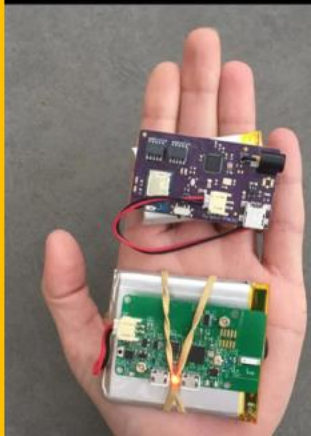
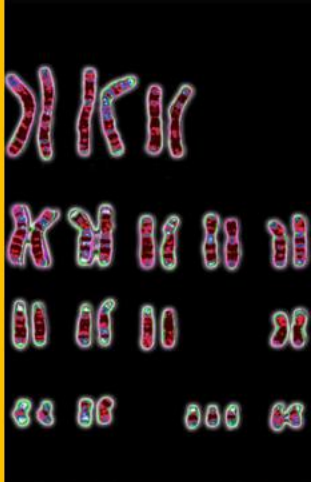
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Neoliberal Ableism results in
“increased expectations on the
autonomy of self-responsible
citizens to care, educate, and
govern themselves.”

Goodley, 2014

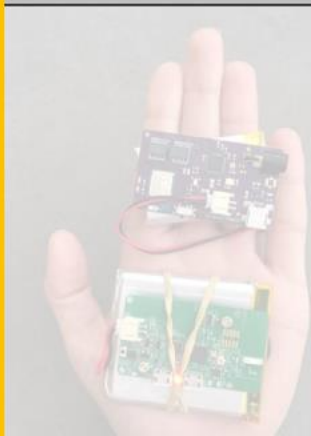
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“I needed to lighten the load, which has not been terribly lightened, but I needed to lighten the load of my lovely caregiver wife, who I owe everything to...it’s one of those difficult things, where you know you’re a burden but you don’t know what to do about it.”

John, DBS User

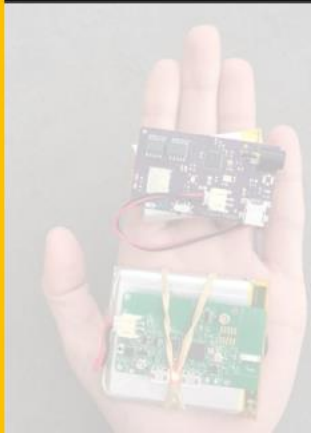
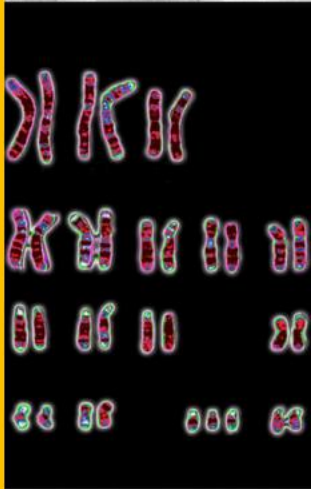
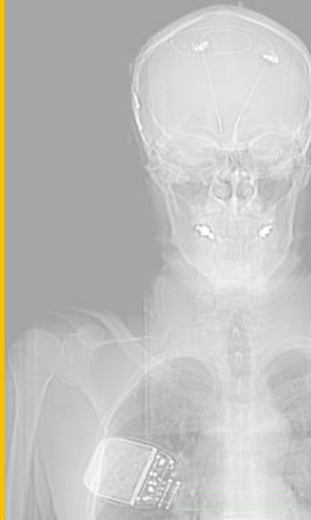
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“I had to prove that I'm going to do everything I can if it's going to be something wrong or whatever.”

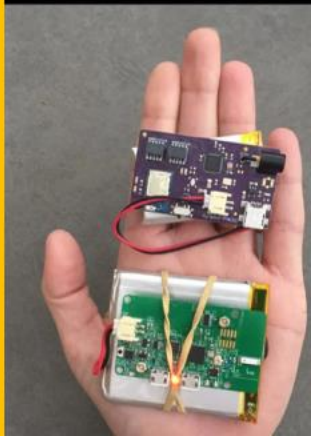
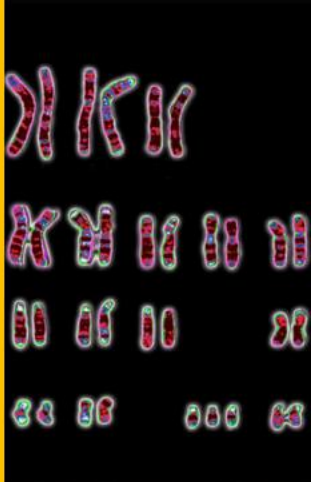
Abby, Prospective Parent, NIPT User

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The Promise of Knowledge

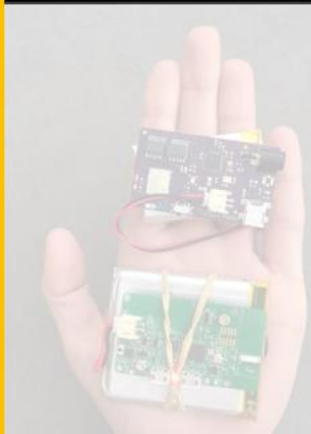
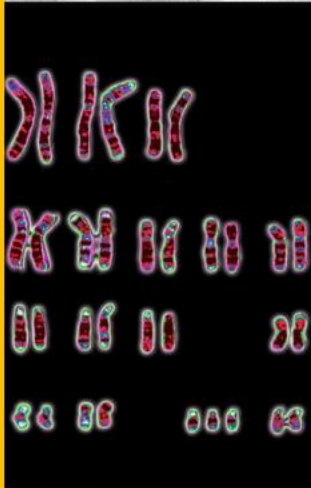
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“I just figured knowledge is power and we might as well know what we’re dealing with.”

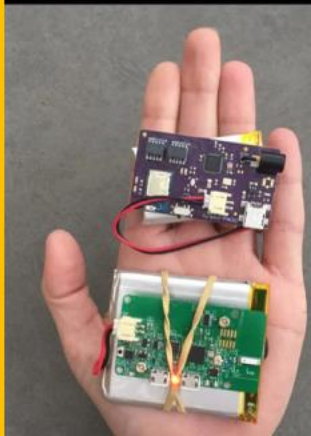
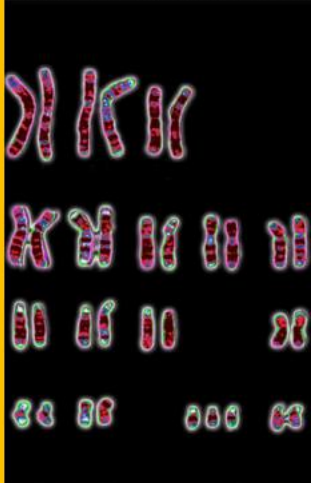
Patsy, Prospective Parent, Preconception Genetic Screening User

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The Promise of Control

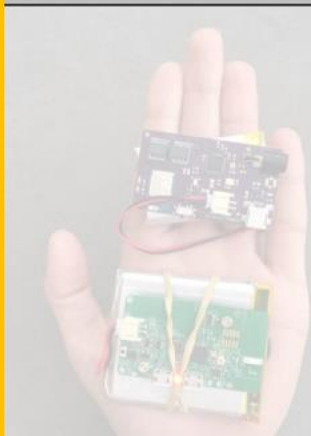
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“Don’t let tremors control your life.”

Hospital Information Sheet for DBS

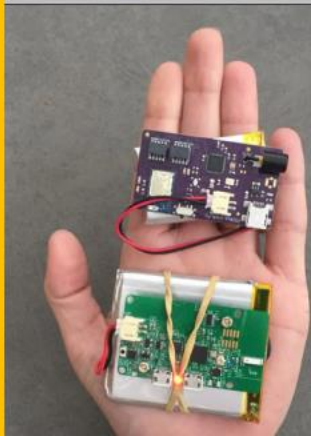
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“...they're not evil people. They're just burned out. They're tired. They're overwhelmed by it. And how do you keep doing the same thing, and not getting good results, and keep caring to do it?”

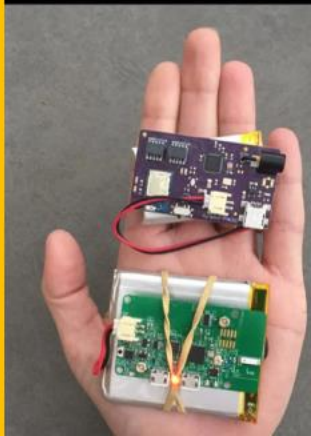
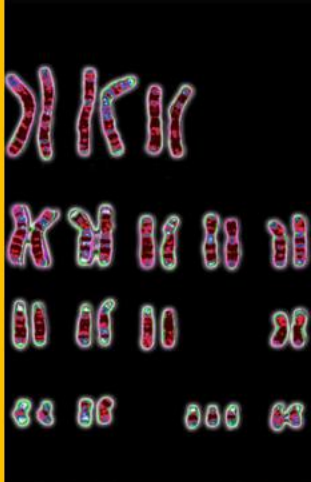
Carolyn, APS User

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The Promise of Cure

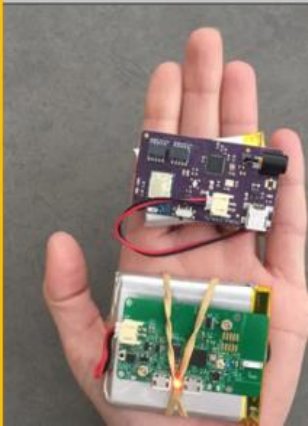
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“Everything’s always five years away.”

Evelyn, APS User

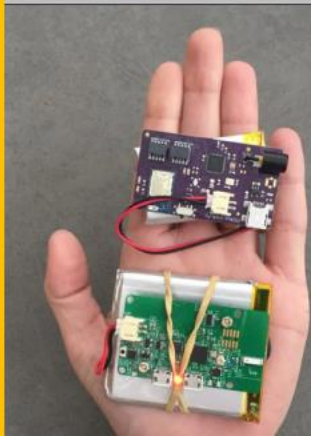
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“I mean, even just this insight of like, the shift from quality of life to cure, I think is really critical. Because cure is so inaccessible, like it's the specialized guild and priesthood of medicine that has all these boundaries around it that you can't cross.”

Gordon, Father of APS User

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