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Techniques to prevent inherited mitochondrial disorders: ethical issues

1 We support the aim of limiting or preventing the transmission of inherited mitochondrial disorders.

2 Our family has been devastated by MELAS and we do not wish other families to suffer in the same way.

3 Surely the relationship of parents bringing up the child is uppermost in importance and there would be no relationship between the child and the mitochondrial donor.

4 We would inform the child and express our gratitude for the child's health and future prospects.

5 It is too late for us as a family. My daughter is too disabled to have children but if she was healthy and the treatment was available elsewhere in the world I would certainly recommend travelling abroad for treatment..