

A word of caution before the rush for genetic testing

The following is an edited excerpt.

In striking down patents on human genes, the recent Supreme Court decision is widely expected to bring down the cost of genetic tests. Testing for specific genes will become more affordable for the average person. This legal decision, coupled with advances in technology that will soon drive down the cost of whole-genome sequencing — a form of testing that reveals a person's entire genetic code — to a modest \$1,000, heralds the new era of genetic medicine.

Amid all the hubbub and hype, we must keep this in mind: Genetic testing is not right for everyone.

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