

## FDA defends challenge to 23andMe

Alberto Gutierrez doesn't want to look like the bad guy who's getting between you and your DNA. "We don't have an issue with people getting their own DNA data," says Gutierrez, who heads the Center for Devices and Radiological Health at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. "We just have concerns with how it's being interpreted."

In May 2010, a similar FDA warning prompted Walgreens (WAG) to drop plans to sell an over-the-counter genetic test from Pathway Genomics. The San Diego company still exists, but now a physician needs to register and order the test for you.

Does that mean Gutierrez would like 23andMe to make people go through their doctors, too? Maybe.

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