Myriad Genetics refuses to relinquish data despite court ruling

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One of the biggest victories on the patent front was when the US Supreme Court finally ruled that naturally-occurring DNA cannot be <u>patented</u>. The company involved in this case, Myriad Genetics, didn't give up at this point, but tried to claim that despite this ruling, its patents on <u>genetic testing</u> were still valid. Fortunately, the courts disagreed, and <u>struck down</u> those patents too.

However, there's another issue that remains unresolved, which concerns the huge <u>database</u> of DNA that Myriad Genetics has built up over years. Because of Myriad's unwillingness to provide that important data to the people whose DNA was sequenced, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has <u>decided to take action</u>.

All of the patients received genetic testing from Myriad Genetics in order to determine their hereditary risk for various forms of cancer and to guide treatment decisions. They later asked for all of their genetic information, not just the results, but Myriad refused to provide it.

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