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Gene patents are harming women's health and scientific freedom

The government's granting of patents on the BRCA1 and BRCA2 human genes and Myriad Genetics' aggressive enforcement of its patent rights mean that some women cannot access genetic testing to find out if they are at increased risk for hereditary breast or ovarian cancer, and that no one can get a second opinion. It also means that Myriad controls whether scientific researchers can study the BRCA genes or develop new genetic tests.

Thousands of other human genes have also been patented.

Now a coalition of researchers, genetic counselors, women patients, cancer survivors, breast cancer and women's health groups, and scientific associations representing 150,000 geneticists, pathologists, and laboratory professionals – represented by the ACLU and Public Patent Foundation – are challenging the patents on the BRCA genes.

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