

# Looking Back, Looking Forward: It's Still Not the Post-Genomic Era

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10th Anniversary of the Completion of the Human Genome Project

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April, 2003

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# MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid



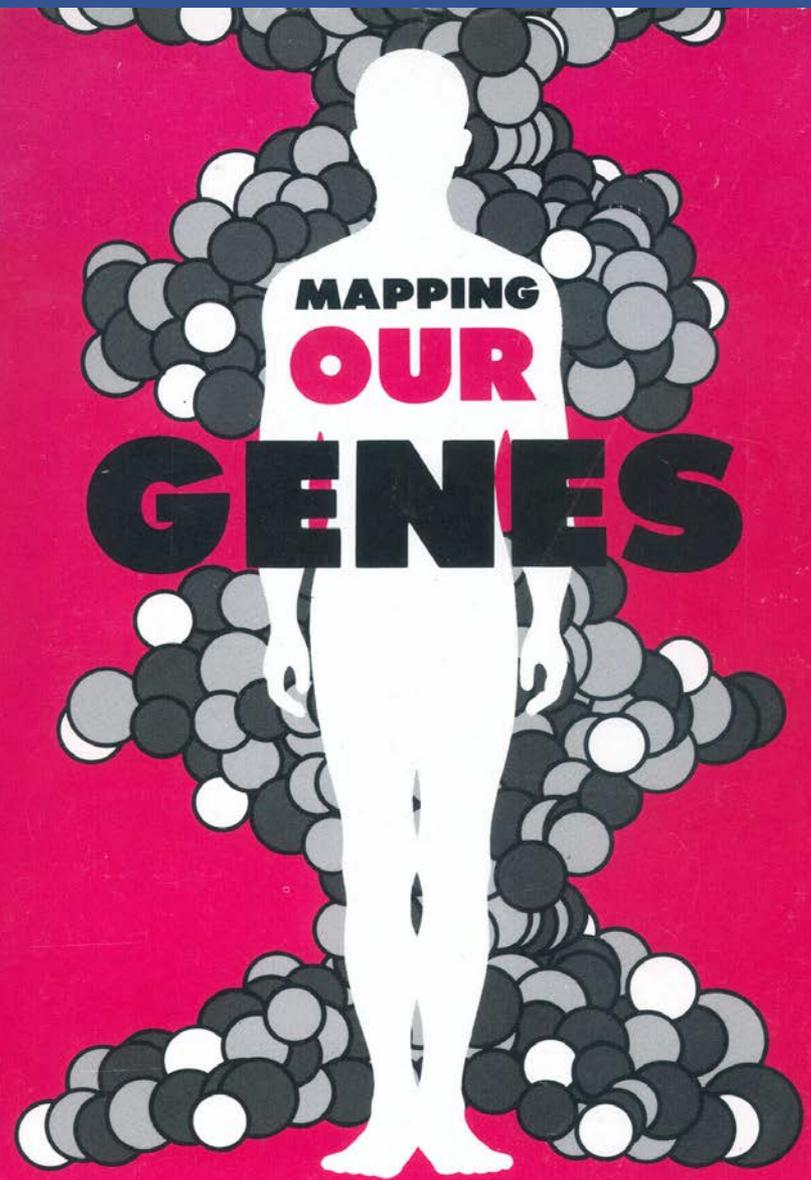
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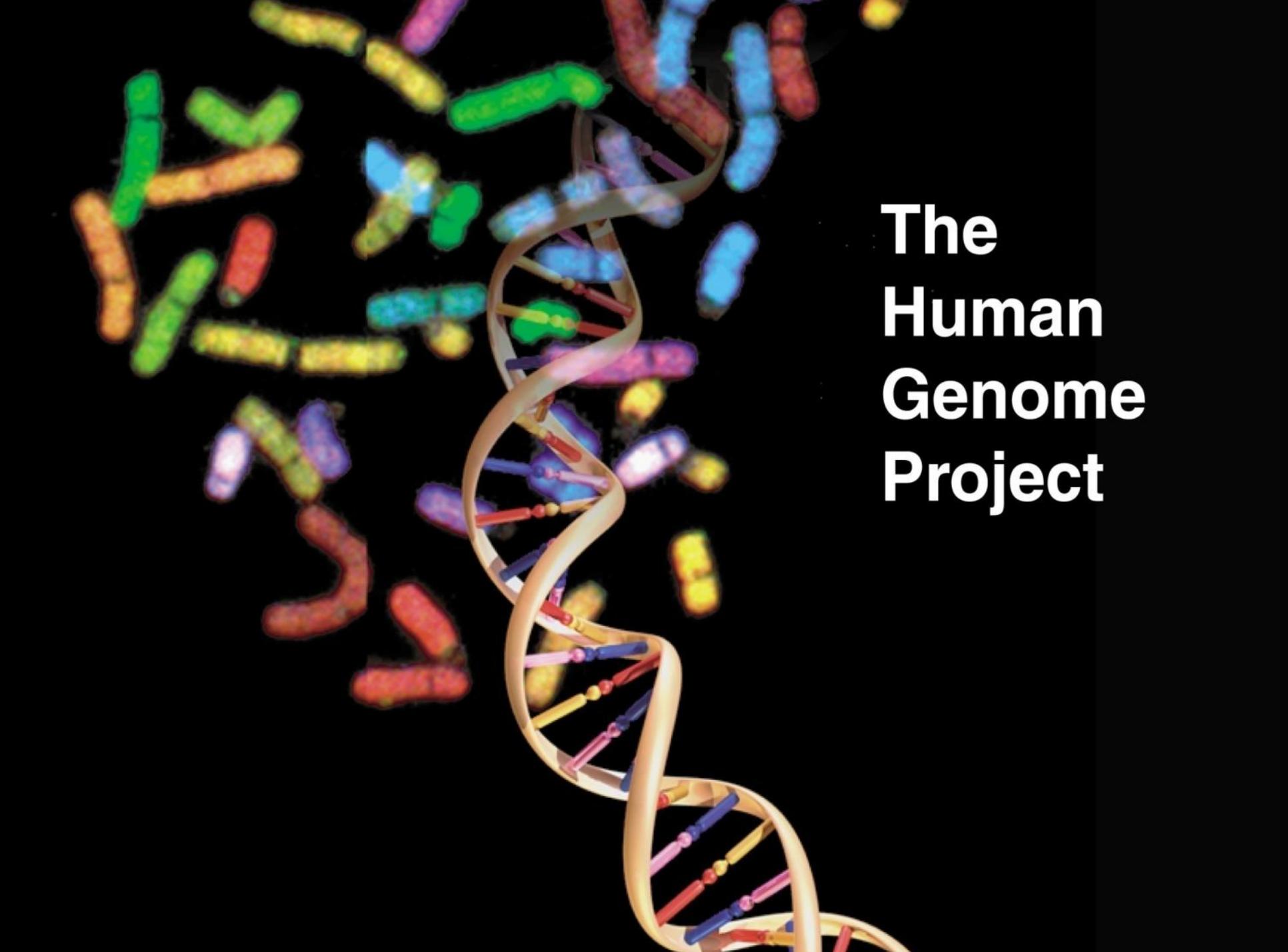
MAPPING AND  
SEQUENCING  
THE  
HUMAN  
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**GENOME PROJECTS: HOW BIG, HOW FAST?**

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# The Human Genome Project

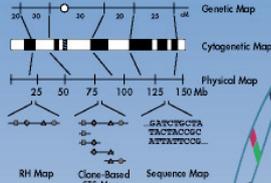
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Human Genome Project (HGP) launched in the U.S.



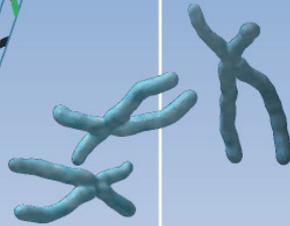
1991

First U.S. Genome Centers established



1992

Second-generation human genetic map developed



Rapid data release guidelines established by NIH and DOE

1993

New five-year plan for the HGP in the U.S. published



Sanger Centre founded (later renamed Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute)



The Wellcome Trust

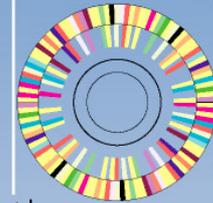
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HGP's human genetic mapping goal achieved



1995

HGP's human physical mapping goal achieved



First bacterial genome (*H. influenzae*) sequenced

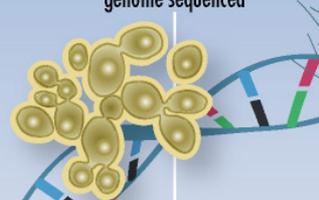
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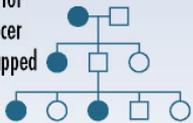


Bermuda principles for rapid and open data release established

Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications (ELSI) programs founded at NIH and DOE



First gene for breast cancer (BRCA1) mapped



# Laying the Foundation for Open Access: Bermuda, 1996

1996

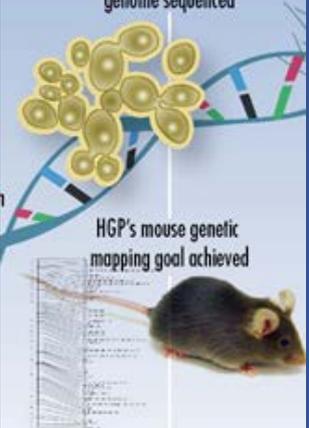
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HUMAN GENOMIC SEQUENCE GENERATED BY LARGE SCALE CENTRES

## RELEASE

- Automatic release of sequence assemblies >1kb (preferably daily)
- Immediate submission of finished annotated sequence

and to the public domain

- ~~aim~~ aim to have all sequence freely available for both research and development, in order to maximise its benefits to society.

## POLICY

- The funding agencies are urged to foster these policies

1997

DOE forms Joint Genome Institute



NCHGR becomes NHGRI



*E. coli* genome sequenced

Genoscope (French National Genome Sequencing Center) founded

1998

Incorporation of 30,000 genes into human genome map

New five-year plan for the HGP in the U.S. published



RIKEN Genomic Sciences Center (Japan) established

Roundworm (*C. elegans*) genome sequenced

SNP initiative begins

GTGCT  
GTCCT

Chinese National Human Genome Centers (in Beijing and Shanghai) established

1999

Full-scale human sequencing begins



Sequence of first human chromosome (chromosome 22) completed



2000

Draft version of human genome sequence completed

President Clinton and Prime Minister Blair support free access to genome information

Fruit fly (*D. melanogaster*) genome sequenced

Mustard cress (*A. thaliana*) genome sequenced



Executive order bans genetic discrimination in U.S. federal workplace

2001

Draft version of human genome sequence published



10,000 full-length human cDNAs sequenced



2002

Draft version of mouse genome sequence completed and published



Draft version of rat genome sequence completed

Draft version of rice genome sequence completed and published

2003

Finished version of human genome sequence completed

HGP ends with all goals achieved

to be continued..

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June 25, 2000

PRESIDENT CLINTON ANNOUNCES THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST  
SURVEY OF THE ENTIRE HUMAN GENOME

Hails Public and Private Efforts Leading to This Historic Achievement

June 26, 2000

Today, at a historic White House event with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Clinton announced that the international Human Genome Project and Celera Genomics Corporation have both completed an initial

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## Scientists finish first draft of DNA blueprint

[Interactive guide](#)

Tim Radford, science editor  
The Guardian, Monday 26 June 2000 03.10 EDT

Scientists in London and Washington will announce today that they have completed the "first draft" of the entire blueprint of human life, described as the most important scientific effort humankind has ever mounted, including splitting the atom and going to the moon.



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International weekly journal of science

News

Nature 405, 983-984 (29 June 2000) | doi:10.1038/35016696

## World leaders heap praise on human genome landmark

Colin Macilwair

**Science**

June 27, 2000

## Genetic Code of Human Life Is Cracked by Scientists

By NICHOLAS WADE

**W**ASHINGTON, June 26 -- In an achievement that represents a pinnacle of human self-knowledge, two rival groups of scientists said today that they had deciphered the hereditary script, the set of instructions that defines the human organism.



Reuters

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## NIH NEWS RELEASE

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International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium Announces  
"Working Draft" of Human Genome

15 February 2001

# nature

2001

Draft version of human genome sequence published



## Nuclear fission

Five-dimensional energy landscapes

## Seafloor spreading

The view from under the Arctic icepack

## Career prospects

Sequence creates new opportunities

**naturejobs**

genomics special



2003

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version of  
human  
genome  
sequence  
completed

HGP ends with  
all goals achieved

# the Human Genome

The Landscape of the Human Genome

1. **Mb. Scale in megabases.** 2. **Gaps.** Red bars indicate gaps for which no large insert clone amenable to sequencing and assembly could be identified after screening genomic libraries to at least 30X depth (see text of accompanying paper). 3. **Cytb band.** Ovary shows approximate positions of Gamma stained chromosome bands at 800 band resolution. Centromeres are in dark red. Marking heterochromatin on 15, 20, 36, and the heterochromatic block on chromosome 18 is shown. It is expected that centromeric features are only fixed or approximately repeat to sequence-based methods. 4. **Systems.** Conserved synteny with the mouse genome. 100 conserved segments of 1 Mb or greater are color-coded according to the corresponding mouse chromosome. Relative orientation in mouse is indicated by \* (matches the assembled mouse sequence) or / (matches its complement). Centromeres also indicate the strand of the syntenic match. Based on the Feb. 2003 version of the mouse genome. 5. **Repeats.** Long-range repeats of 500-800 bp are in shades of gray. 80-90% in total. Centromeric repeats are green. 6. **GC.** Percentages of bases in a 20,000 base window that are G or C. Scale ranges from 32% (62). 7. **Mouse align.** Alignment to mouse. The blue line shows the percentage (0% to 85%) of human sequence within 20 kb blocks that can be aligned to mouse sequence, using anchoring by conserved syntenic regions and gap penalties. The red line shows the base identity (84% to 70%) within the regions that align. 8. **SNPs.** The alignment was done with BLASTZ and a base-to-genome filter. (Schwarz et al. Genome Res. 2003 Jan 13;13(1):7-17). 9. **SNP islands.** SNP density and maximum number of alleles per site are plotted in the purple line (shows density of single nucleotide polymorphisms based on 100Kb discovered from random sequence reads, divided by the number of bases from random reads that have had sufficiently high neighborhood quality scores to assess). This measure of heterozygosity is calculated in 1 Mb windows that overlap by 0.5 Mb, and is plotted in a range from 5,000 to 20,000. The green line shows nucleotide substitution rates estimated by the 85% model from aligned human-mouse alignments. 10. **SNPs.** The most common dispersed repetitive elements in the human genome. SNPs are in red. LINEs are in blue, both calculated in 100 kb windows. 11. **ncDNA.** RNA genes that do not code for protein - e.g. rRNAs, snRNAs and rRNAs are in green. RNA pseudogenes are in orange. 12. **CpG islands.** Each green tick represents a segment of 200 bases or more with CpG dinucleotide density significantly higher than in the genome as a whole. See 20% percentage of total CpG. 13. **Gene names.** The black ticks show the location of expressed sequence tags (ESTs) with at least one insert, aligned against genomic DNA. 14. **Gene models.** The solid gray lines show the location of predicted genes from Ensembl (see <http://www.ensembl.org>) and the dashed lines show the location of predicted genes from the GeneMark-ES gene prediction software (see <http://www.soe.ucsf.edu/~dave/gene>). 15. **Gene names.** Genes are named in blue, using HUGO nomenclature committee abbreviations. Red indicates a known disease gene. Bold indicates genes with a C. elegans or D. melanogaster ortholog. (Nucleic Acids Res. 30:1257-58 (2002)).

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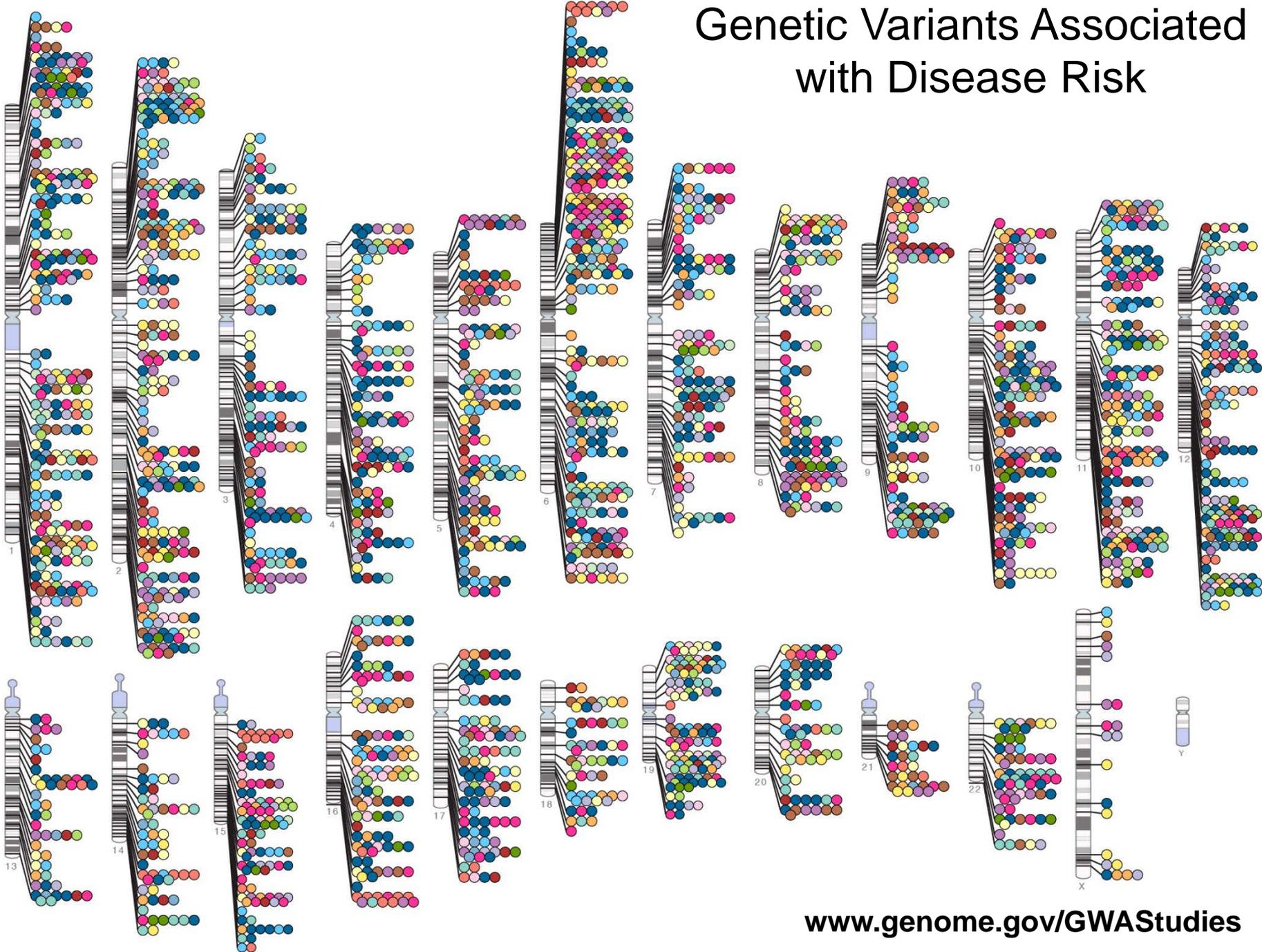
**POST-GENOME  
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# The HapMap Project

- Produced genotypes for 3.5 million SNPs in 270 samples
- Data show allele frequencies, haplotypes, and associations among the SNPs
- Data were used to develop SNP chips for genome wide association (GWAS) studies
- Chips allow GWAS studies to find gene regions containing variants that affect health and disease



# Genetic Variants Associated with Disease Risk



# 1000 Genomes in the Cloud

- 1000 Genomes Project  
([www.1000genomes.org](http://www.1000genomes.org))
  - Leverages recent improvements in next generation sequencing technology
  - Largest set of data on human genetic variation
- Data now freely available in Amazon's cloud
  - 200 terabytes of data
  - Researchers who would not otherwise have capacity or computing systems now have access to this data



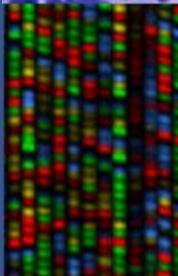
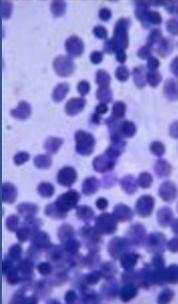
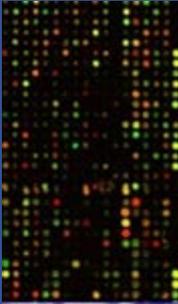
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Low coverage and exome sequencing  
now complete on 2500 samples!



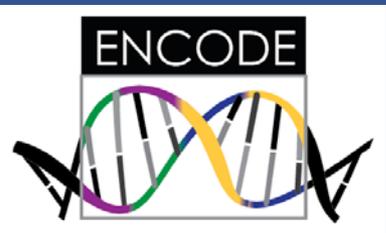
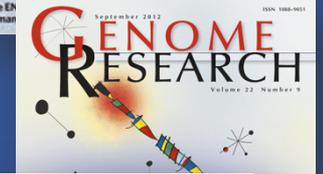
# The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) and the International Cancer Genomics Consortium

- Comprehensive, collaborative effort to map genomic changes in major types, subtypes of cancer
- NIH pilot (2006) expanded to 25 tumor types (2009)
  - Every case (tumor + germline) gets comprehensive characterization (SNP, exome, mi/RNAseq, methylation)
  - All data available pre-publication once quality controlled
  - 6,600+ cases now in pipeline
    - Seek to complete 11,000 by end of 2014
- International Cancer Genomics Consortium further expands program to many other tumor types
- **Ultimate goal:** improve our ability to diagnose, treat, and prevent cancer



# ENCODE: Encyclopedia of DNA Elements

- Launched in 2003, to develop comprehensive catalog of functional elements in the human genome
  - Related model organism projects
- Community resource project
  - All data free and available for immediate use
- Update 2012: 30+ papers, findings, innovative approaches
  - First global, detailed view of functional elements in human genome



nature ENCODE explorer

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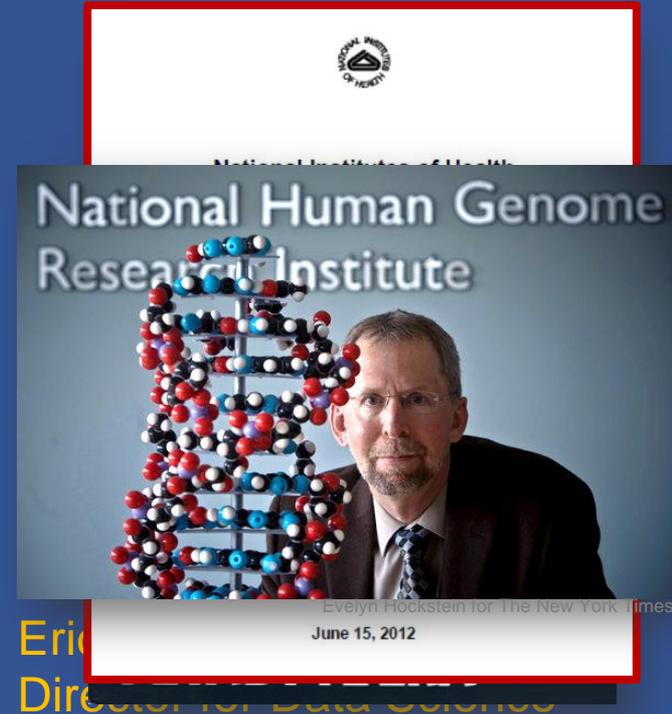
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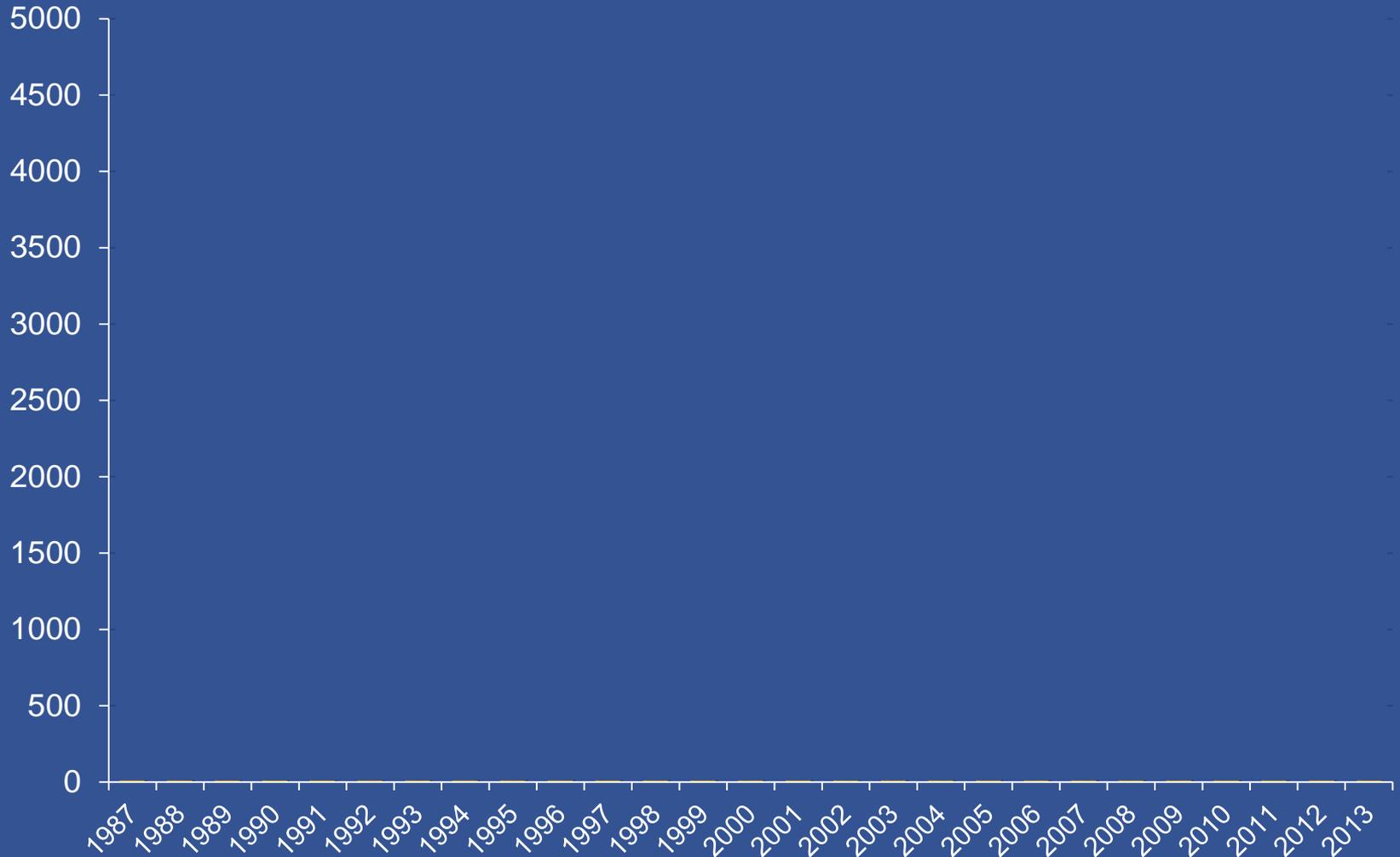
# “Big Data”: Challenges for Biomedicine in an Era of Massive Data Sets

*Recent explosion of biomedical data*

- Challenge: find ways to optimize data that
  - Speed discovery and innovation
  - Improve nation’s health, economy
- NIH responds to the challenge
  - New internal governing/oversight bodies
  - New trans-NIH initiative: Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K)
  - New leadership position: Associate Director for Data Science



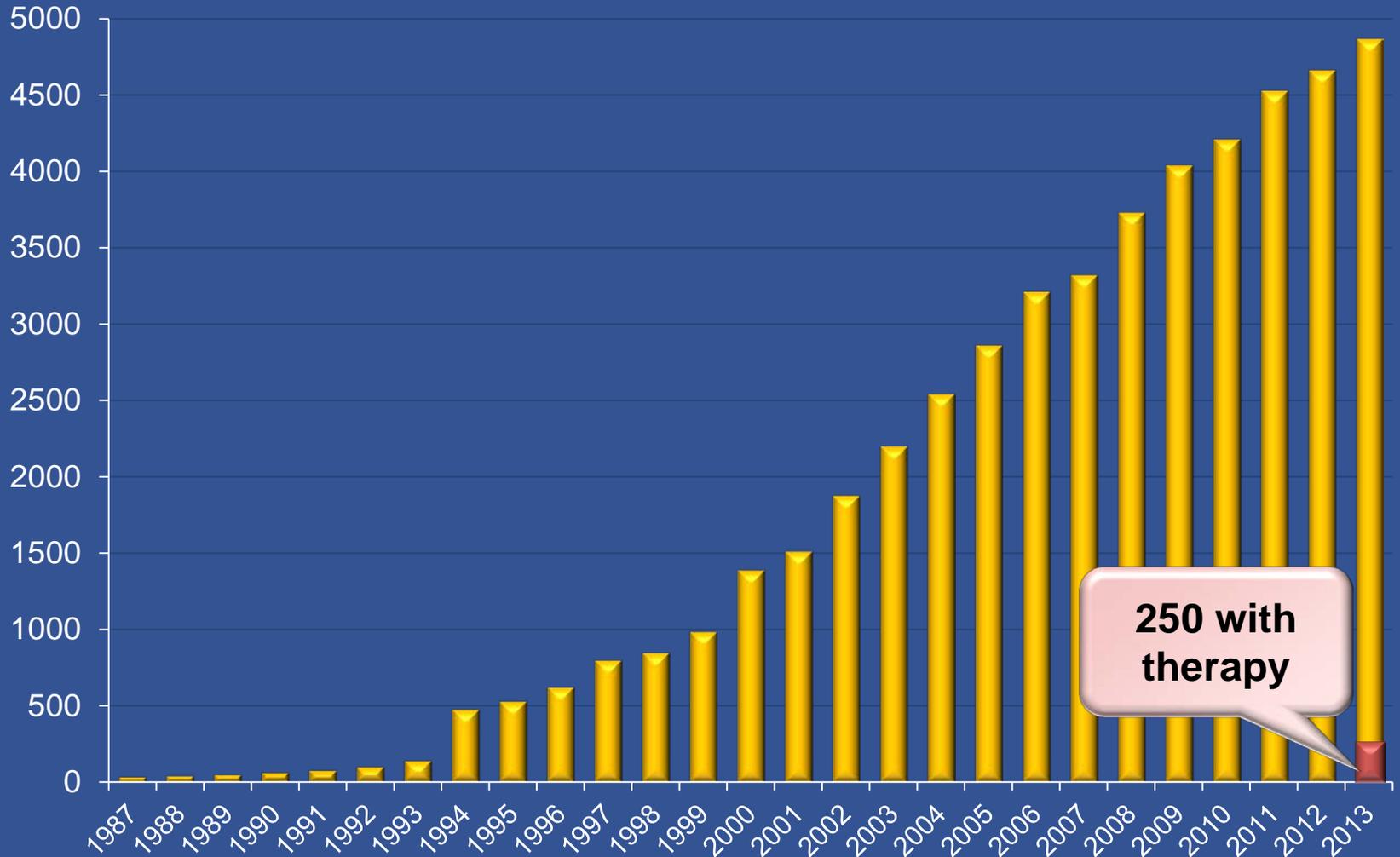
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# National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)

## *Mission:*

*To catalyze the generation of innovative methods and technologies that will enhance the development, testing, and implementation of diagnostics and therapeutics across a wide range of human diseases and conditions.*

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PRESIDENT OBAMA IS CALLING ON THE SCIENCE COMMUNITY  
TO JOIN HIM IN PURSUING A GRAND CHALLENGE

# BRAIN INITIATIVE

BRAIN RESEARCH  
THROUGH ADVANCING  
INNOVATIVE  
NEUROTECHNOLOGIES



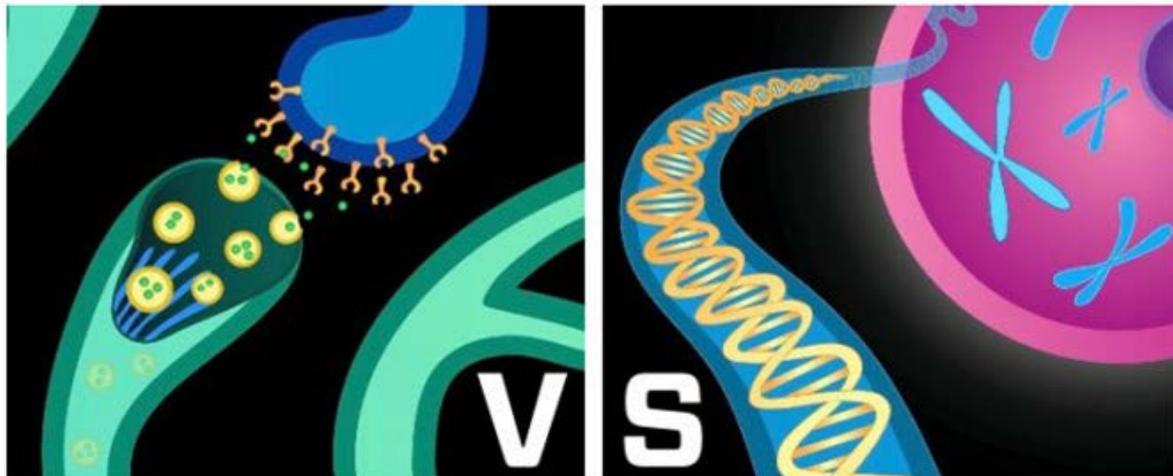


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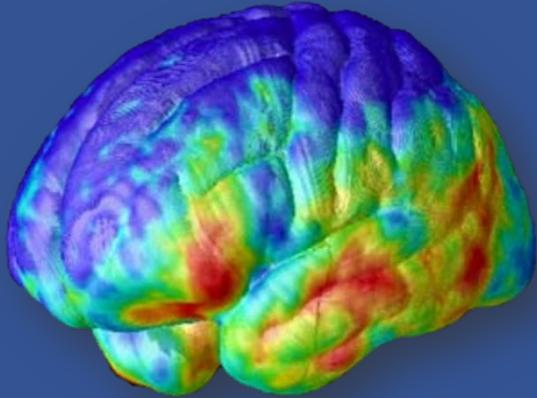
## Now or Then: Which Big Science Project Are These Scientists Worked Up About?

BY GREG MILLER 04.05.13 6:30 AM

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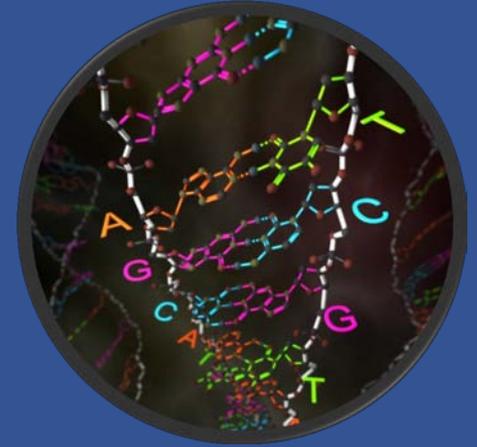


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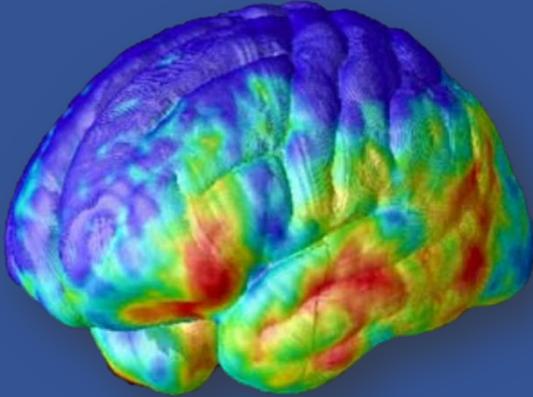


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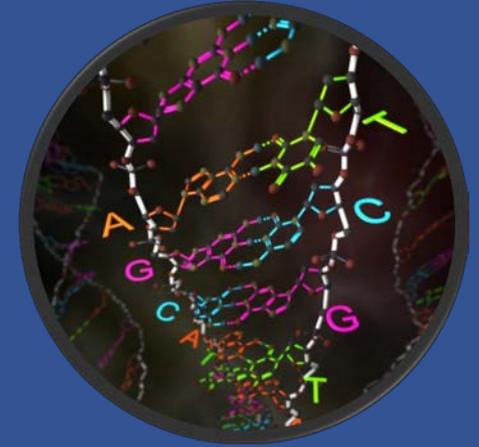


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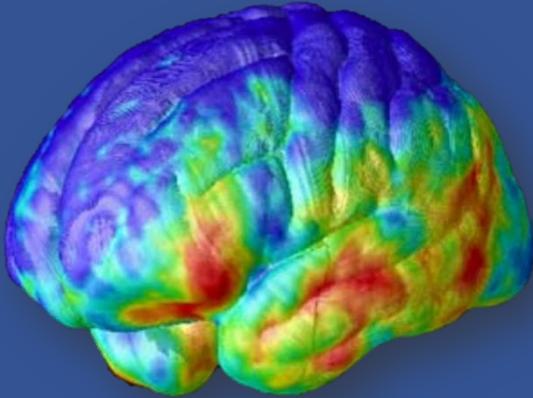
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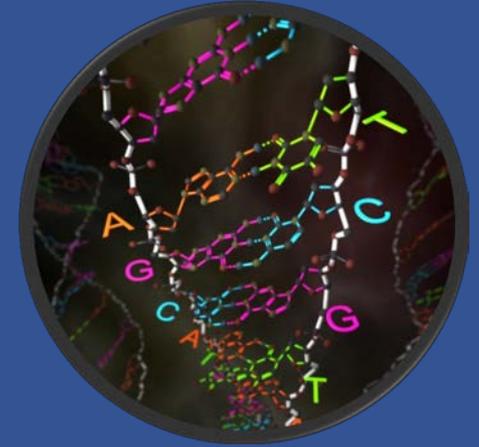
The ? project is bad science, it's unthought-out science, it's hyped science.

**Now**



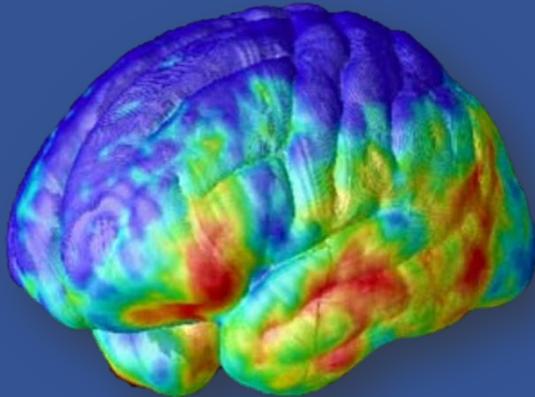
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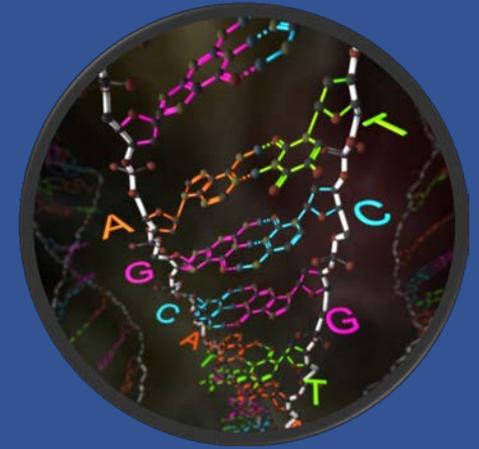
I believe the scientific paradigm underlying this ? project is, at best, out of date and at worst, simply wrong.

**Now**



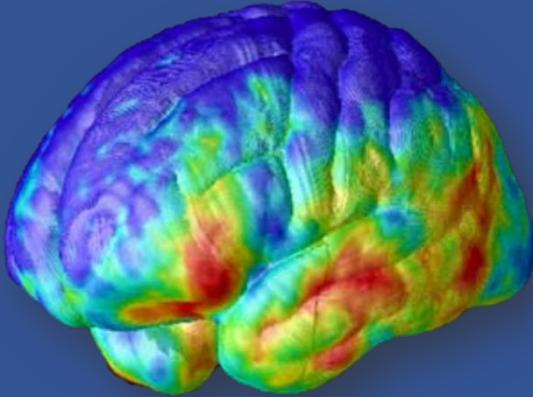
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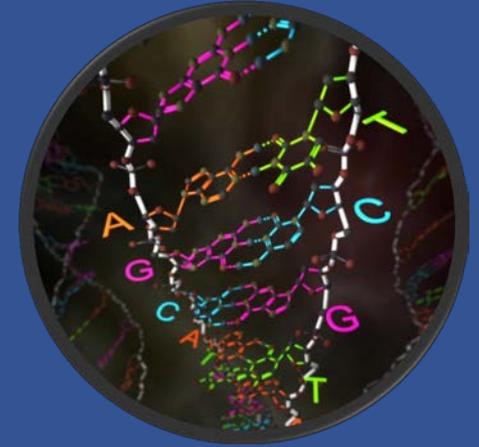
Concentrating hundreds of millions of dollars on this one megaproject in the era of ? budget cuts is sure to starve hundreds of small, more promising biomedical research projects.

**Now**



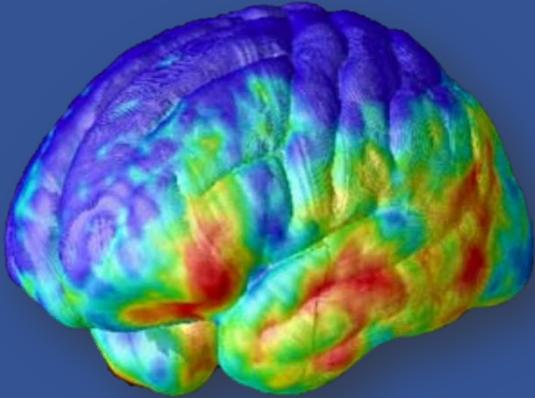
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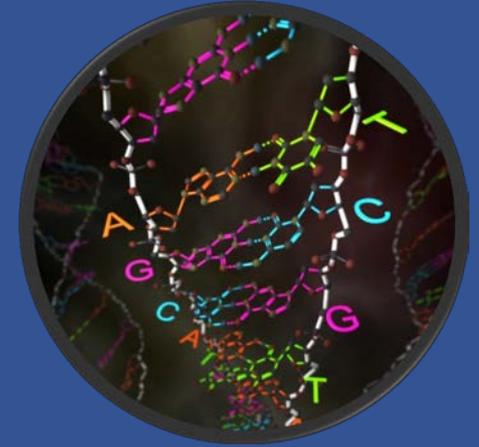
In contrast to some areas of physics, which require extremely expensive facilities, biology does not have an obvious need for 'big science.' Our country's spectacular success in this area has depended in large part on the wide support of independent, investigator-initiated, peer-reviewed research.

**Now**



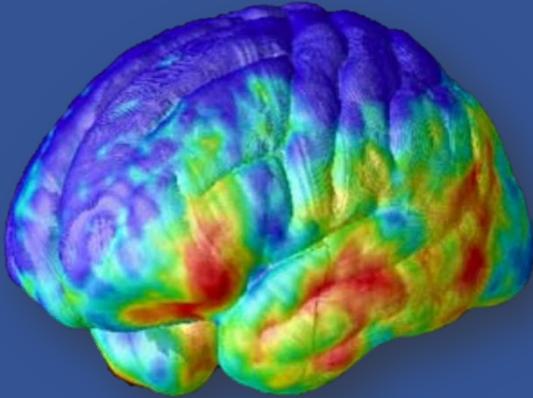
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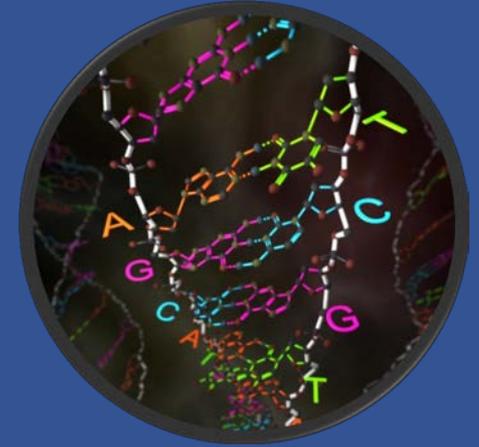
Creative science is bottom-up, not top-down.  
Are we talking about central planning inside  
the Beltway?

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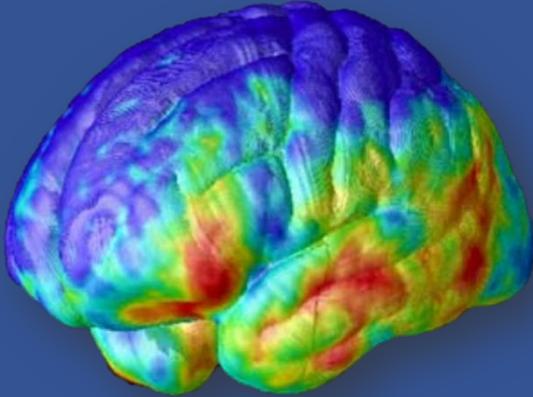
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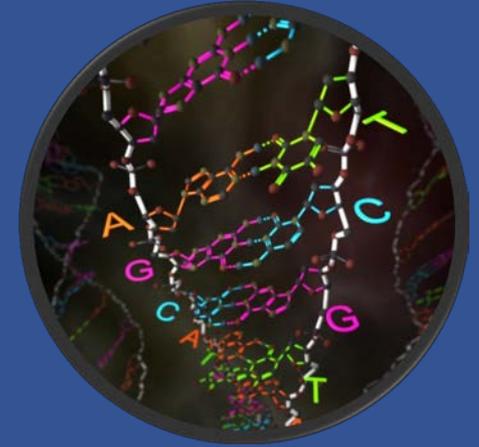
It's going to do absolutely no good to develop tools for a new generation of [scientists] if we in the process seriously damage that same generation of scientists.

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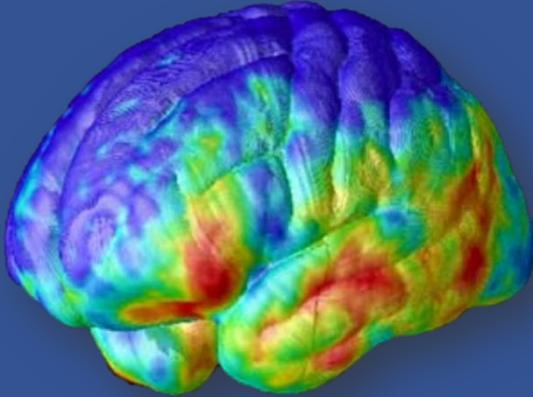
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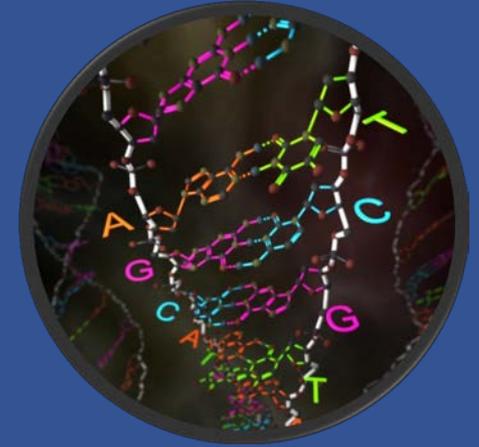
Arguments are made that the ? project will give birth to a new generation of technologies. What good will that do in the absence of individuals trained and capable of applying these technologies?

**Now**



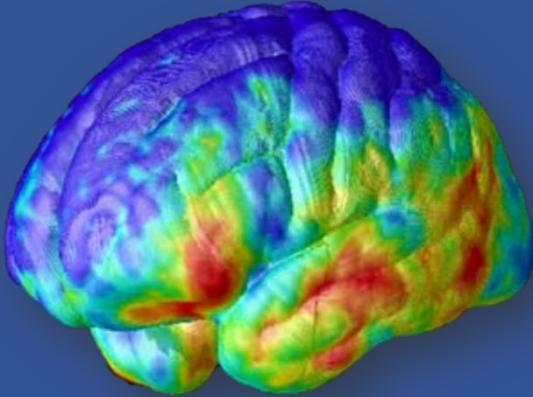
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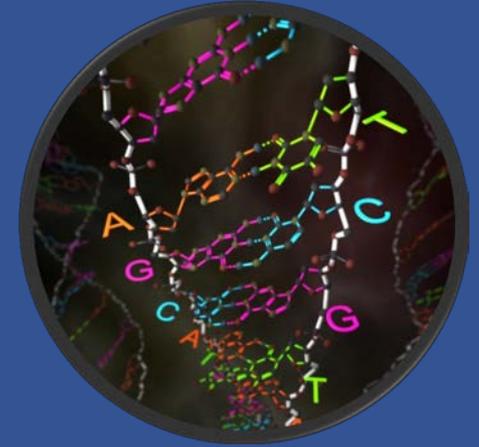
The amount of money we ask to accomplish the task, \$200 million a year, is commensurate with the project's role in the fight against many serious health problems.

**Now**



*or*

**Then**



Everybody I talk to thinks this is an incredibly bad idea.

An NHGRI Symposium

# A Decade with the Human Genome Sequence

*Charting a Course for Genomic Medicine*



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# THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Reflections on the first ten  
years of the human genomics age



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## THE END OF THE BEGINNING

Eric Lander on the impact of  
the human genome sequence

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of sequencing technology

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## FROM LAB TO CLINIC

A road map to  
genomic medicine

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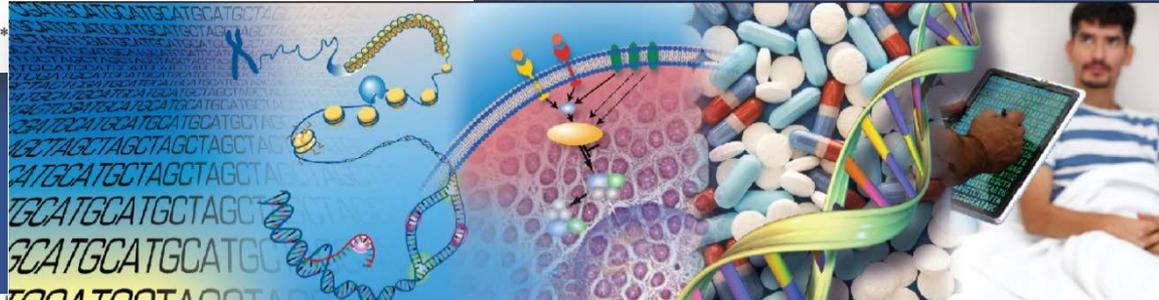
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# Charting a course for genomic medicine from base pairs to bedside

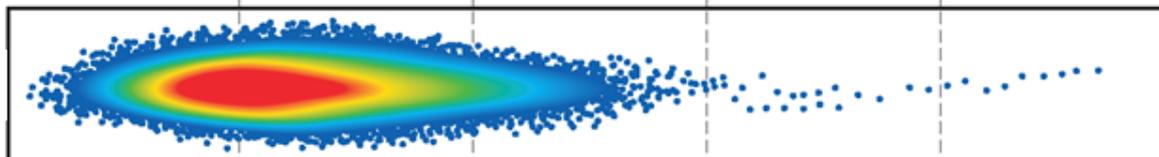
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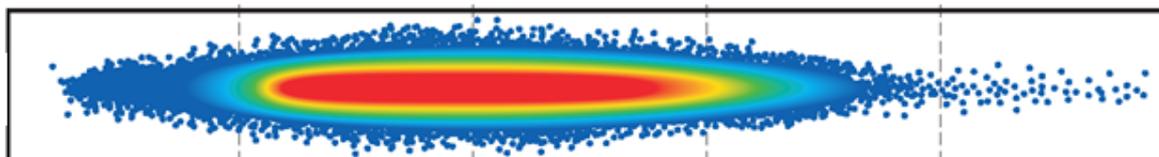
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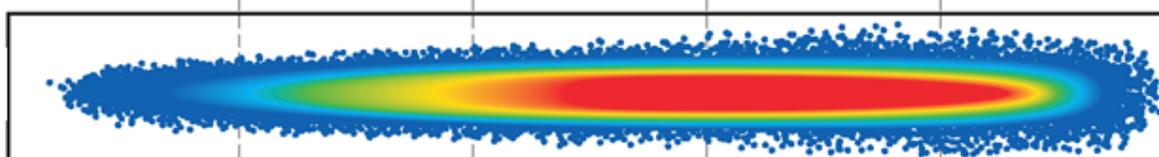
2004–2010



2011–2020



Beyond 2020



# Charting a Course for Genomic Medicine: Goals for the Next Ten Years

- Make genomics-based diagnostics routine
- Define genetic components of disease
- Complete comprehensive characterization of cancer genomes
- Devise practical systems for clinical genomic informatics
- Uncover role of human microbiome in health, disease



# Achieving Our Goals by 2023

- Understanding the biology of genomes, with
  - New, comprehensive catalogues of data
  - New tools for genomics research
  - Rapid, internationally harmonized data release
- Bioinformatics and computational biology
  - Data analysis, integration
  - Visualization
- Education and training
  - Outreach to public, healthcare providers
  - Preparing next generation of researchers
- Genomics and society, addressing
  - Psychosocial, ethical issues
  - Legal, policy issues



# Personalized Medicine: A future dream





# Story of Hope

- 2053
  - A healthy Hope celebrates her 50th
    - Wears “smart shirt” regularly
  - Hope & family also celebrate HGP’s 50th
- 2071
  - Hope feels tightness in arm, assumes pulled muscle
  - Smart shirt calls emergency responders
  - Personalized drug therapy saves Hope



# Story of Hope

- 2103
  - Hope celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> with a night of dancing



# Personalized Medicine: Could the dream become a nightmare?



# Hope's Story Gone Wrong

- 2023: Hope's aunt, 53, dies of a heart attack
  - No online tool for family medical history available
  - Hope's doctor dismisses genome analysis
  - Unaware of elevated heart disease risk, Hope makes unhealthy life choices
- 2038: Hope diagnosed with high blood pressure
  - Pharmacogenomics *would have* determined best drug for her
  - Instead receives drug that causes hypersensitivity reaction; stops treatment

# Hope's Story Gone Wrong – continued

- 2038–2052: Hope eats an unhealthy diet, gains weight
- 2053: Hope, gardening, feels tightness in her arm
  - No smart shirt; doctor dismisses it as pulled muscle
  - Taken to ER 3 hours later in cardiogenic shock
    - Given “standard” therapy – unable to metabolize prodrug
    - *Hope dies. She was just 50 years old.*

**The essential goal of  
genomic medicine**

**Keep Hope Alive!**



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