**HeLa cell controversy**

* After watching the video of Rebecca Skloot and reading the Nature article you now know a limited history of amazing HeLa cells, how they transformed medicine, and made tissue engineering possible.
* Please comment on the solution that was reached between the Lack family and the NIH. Do you think this was a fair outcome for the family and for medical research?

In the end, the family decided that it wanted the data to be available under a restricted-access system similar to the NIH dbGaP database, which links individuals’ genetic make-up to traits and diseases. Researchers would apply for permission to acquire the data and agree to use them for biomedical research only, and would not contact Lacks family members. A committee that includes family members will handle requests, and papers that use the data will recognize Henrietta Lacks and her kin. - Ewen Callaway, Nature 07 Aug 2013