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Free access to published results from NIH

As a 9 year survivor/warrior of IIC Ovarian Cancer I find it mandatory that I voice my concerns regarding the loss of free access to published results for NIH studies. Beyond the point that the NIH is a federally funded program, the ability for me, a "layperson" with a terminal illness to gain as much knowledge of my disease as i can helps me make decisions about my care and options for care. At minimal, the results should be available for reading online and downloading. That saves printing cost to the government, should that be concern. Research results should never be kept for only those who can pay for them. I understand proprietary concerns might be a concern, but when funding and support is paid, in full or in part by federal monies, then I think the results should be made available, something akin to Sunshine Laws.

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