



Our Genes / Our Choices

Who Gets to Know?



Worrying about the implications of his genetic test results, program moderator Arthur Miller asks Denise Rodgers, M.D., in the role of his doctor, to hand over all his medical records.

ARTHUR MILLER:

Doc, I want all those records destroyed. Take care of that for me?

DENISE RODGERS:

I'm sorry, Artie, but I can't.

ARTHUR MILLER:

Why not?

DENISE RODGERS:

I'm not willing to go to jail for you.

ARTHUR MILLER:

Jail?

DENISE RODGERS:

It's illegal for me to destroy your records.

ARTHUR MILLER:

Why?

DENISE RODGERS:

Well, they're legal documents.

ARTHUR MILLER:

Legal?

DENISE RODGERS:

In the sense that once I write your medical record, I can't then go back and destroy what I've written.

ARTHUR MILLER:

Let's get this straight...

DENISE RODGERS:

Yeah.

ARTHUR MILLER:

I paid for those tests.

DENISE RODGERS:

You did.

ARTHUR MILLER:

Remember, we all agreed...

DENISE RODGERS:

That's right.

ARTHUR MILLER:

...to keep the insurance. And I paid.

DENISE RODGERS:

Right.

ARTHUR MILLER:

I understand that those are my records.

DENISE RODGERS:

They are.

ARTHUR MILLER:

So if I say to you, Doc...

DENISE RODGERS:

Right.

ARTHUR MILLER:

...Don't destroy them, give them to me.

DENISE RODGERS:

Right. Then what I'm gonna do is give you a copy of them.

ARTHUR MILLER:

Now why would you do that?

DENISE RODGERS:

Well, because it's my understanding, actually, that I can't destroy your records. But, since you're very rich and very persistent, I'm going to call my lawyer. Because I don't wanna get in trouble in either way.