

Promote Knowledge

CANCER GENETICS RISK ASSESSMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

Looking at your past to shape your future.

In cancer genetic counseling, we assess your risk factors for developing cancer in the context of your family history. The process will help you understand the role heredity plays in cancer development as well as the possibility that a gene may be responsible for your family's history of cancer.

Genetic testing will be discussed as an option, when appropriate. More importantly, you will learn about cancer screenings and risk reduction options.

Your Genetics, Your Health. Our genetics team will:

- Review your detailed family histories on both sides of the family to assess risk of hereditary cancer.
- Discuss benefits, limitations and cost of testing, including issues of privacy, confidentiality and discrimination.
- Explore the medical and psychosocial implications of cancer risk and genetic testing.
- Review management guidelines as recommended by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network or other nationally recognized organizations.
- Interpret genetic test results within the context of your personal and family history.
- Provide updates to high-risk patients when new genes and/or new tests become available.



Consider genetic counseling if you answer YES to any of the statements below:

	Yes	No
I have a personal history of cancer diagnosed under the age of 50 (not including non-melanoma skin cancer and/or cervical cancer).		
I have two or more close blood relatives on the same side of the family with non-smoking related cancer (such as colon, uterine and/or ovarian cancer).		
I have two or more relatives on the same side of the family who have the same type of cancer (not including non-melanoma skin cancers and/or cervical cancer).		
I have a relative who had cancer before age 50.		
I have a family member who has had multiple cancers.		
I am of Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry and have a family history of breast or ovarian cancer.		
I have a personal and/or family history of rare cancers (such as male breast cancer or childhood sarcoma).		

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