

Understanding Your Hereditary Risk for Cancer



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If you have been diagnosed with cancer or have a family history of cancer, a genetic risk assessment may be right for you.

About the Division of Clinical Genetics at the Center for Genomic Medicine

We are a bilingual (English/Spanish) team of genetics professionals including: doctors, scientists, genetic counselors and nurses with specialized training in cancer genetics. We offer individualized consultation, genetic testing and genetic counseling services.

What happens during an appointment?

Your appointment includes education, counseling, and sample collection for genetic testing, if needed. Our team gathers information about your medical history, family history, and any previous genetic test results to develop a medical and prevention plan that is most appropriate for your needs.

How is genetic testing done?

Using a blood or saliva sample, genetic testing takes a close look at your DNA to understand if your risks to develop certain types of cancers are higher than average.

Is genetic testing covered by insurance?

Yes, it is in most cases. Self-pay testing and financial assistance are also available.



Who is a good candidate for genetic risk assessment?

If your personal or family history includes one or more of the following, you should consider a consultation with the Division of Clinical Genetics.

- Breast cancer at or before age 50.
- Male breast cancer at any age.
- Ovarian cancer at any age.
- Uterine (endometrial) cancer at or before age 50.
- Colorectal cancer at or before age 50.
- Pancreatic cancer at any age.
- Kidney cancer at or before age 50 or several family members with kidney cancer.
- Prostate cancer at or before age 55.
- Two or more family members, on the same side of the family, with the same type or several types of cancers.
- Polyposis (many polyps in the stomach or intestines).
- Rare tumors (pheochromocytomas, paragangliomas, diffuse gastric cancer, and neuroendocrine tumors, among others).
- Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry.
- Family history of a known mutation.
- Negative genetic test results in the past (additional genes are now available for testing).

The goal of a genetics consultation is to help you understand how your medical history, family history and genetic test results play a role in your cancer risks and empower you and your family with information for prevention and/or treatment.

Contact Information

For an appointment, please call: 786-527-7518.

For other questions, please call: 786-527-8049 or email to: DCG@BaptistHealth.net.