

Genetic testing for cancer risk is a very personal decision, and is not right for everyone. Some people are concerned about the benefits versus potential risks, while others are more concerned with insurance or privacy issues. Click below to learn more about these common concerns pertaining to genetic testing:

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Additional Resources

*[Positive Results Facebook Group](#)

Genetic Support Foundation hosts a Facebook group for Hereditary Cancer Support and Resources. Get trusted information and join a community of support.

*[Cascade Screening Connector](#)

Genetic Support Foundation has partnered with the Washington State Department of Health to provide cascade screening to help people identify and contact family members who may have an increased chance of developing cancer.

*[FORCE \(Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered\)](#)

The FORCE mission is to improve the lives of individuals and families facing hereditary cancer. Resources include peer navigation and expert-reviewed information.

*[AliveAndKickn](#) AliveAndKickn is a nonprofit working to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by Lynch Syndrome and associated cancers through research, education, and screening.

*[Health Experiences USA](#) This national research project brings patient voices into the healthcare experience and features video clips of people facing hereditary cancer. Individuals from a variety of backgrounds share both positive and negative experiences about living with hereditary cancer.

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Genetic testing for hereditary cancer first starts with a genetic consultation to collect and analyze the personal and/or family history of cancer. If a pattern suggestive of hereditary cancer is identified, then genetic testing may be considered for further clarification or confirmation of the specific cancer risks. Depending on...

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There are several reasons why someone may consider genetic testing for hereditary cancer predisposition, which are outlined below. High-Risk Screening and Risk Management One of the primary benefits of knowing about hereditary cancer risk is the ability to take control of that risk in partnership with your healthcare team. Genetic...

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If genetic testing is performed but does not identify a harmful genetic variant, or if testing is declined for any reason, DNA banking is another resource available to ensure the ability for future genetic testing of one's DNA. This is primarily for the benefit of family members, and can allow...

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