

What Is Your Cancer Risk?



Knowledge is Power. Visit JamesLink to Learn More.

JamesLink is a user-friendly online tool that estimates risk by reviewing patterns of cancer in the family. It is a free service designed to help you learn more about your cancer risk and steps you can take to focus your prevention efforts.

Visit this web site to learn more:

www.jamesline.com/go/familyhistory

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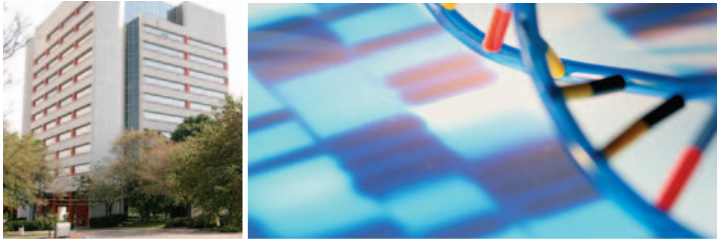


The Clinical Cancer Genetics Program

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What Is Cancer Risk Assessment?

During a cancer risk assessment, you will meet with a genetic counselor and doctor who specialize in cancer genetics. They will work with you to complete a family medical history, and help you understand the role of genes in causing cancer. They will then give you an estimate of how likely it is that you will develop cancer at some time in your life (or have it again). Also, they will estimate the chance that a risk for cancer might be passed along through the genes in your family. They will also talk about ways you can lower your risk for cancer, and ways to find it early when it is most easily treated. The appointment usually lasts 1-2 hours.

What About Genetics Testing?

Genetic testing is possible for some families. This will be discussed during your appointment. We will help you and your family decide if testing is right for you. Testing involves having a blood sample drawn and should begin with a family member who has had cancer. We will discuss any concerns you may have about genetic testing, such as cost, insurance coverage, and the possibility of having difficulties with your insurance company.

Who Should Have Cancer Risk Assessment?

- ▶ A person with a “strong” family history of cancer. (A strong history is having two or more close relatives on the same side of the family with the same or related cancers, especially if the cancer occurred at young ages.)
- ▶ A person who had cancer at an early age, or who had more than one kind of cancer; or who had a close family member with the above.
- ▶ A person from a family that is known to have an inherited cancer syndrome.
- ▶ A person with a rare cancer, (such as breast cancer in a man or adrenal gland tumor).
- ▶ A person who is very anxious about his or her risk based on his or her family history.
- ▶ A person who wants to know more about the role of genes in cancer.

Will My Insurance Cover My Cancer Risk Assessment?

We participate with most health insurance companies. Like other specialists’ services, our services are often covered. However, every insurance plan is different. You may want to check the terms of your plan before your appointment. Some insurance plans require a referral from your doctor.

Who Will My Information Be Shared With?

The privacy of your health and family information is very important to us. We only give this information to family members or healthcare providers with your approval.

To schedule an appointment or for more information,

call our office at **(614) 293-6694**, or toll-free at **1 (888) 329-1654**. Our offices are located at 2050 Kenny Road — 8th Floor Tower Columbus, OH 43221.

For more information, visit our Web site at:
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