

Your Cancer Risk Assessment Physicians



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How You Can Make a Difference

Through Fox Chase's Risk Assessment Program, you have the option to take part in research studies that help us learn more about cancer risk and prevention.

By studying the biological, genetic, and environmental factors that influence cancer risk, researchers at Fox Chase are working to understand more about the hereditary factors, or genes, that influence cancer; who is at risk for certain types of cancers; and how we might reduce this risk.

In addition, our researchers are looking at how cancer risk and genetic information affect individual and family decisions. We are developing ways of communicating cancer risk information more effectively to patients and their families.

Contact the

Risk Assessment Program

By phone or online
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Understanding Your Cancer Risk



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Pioneers in Cancer Risk and Prevention

A leader in cancer prevention and risk assessment, Dr. Mary Daly at Fox Chase Cancer Center established one of the first risk assessment programs in the country in 1991 for individuals with a family history of breast and/or ovarian cancer. This program served as a model for others around the country and led to risk assessment services at Fox Chase for other types of cancers, such as prostate, gastrointestinal, and melanoma.

Today, our Department of Clinical Genetics builds on this pioneering spirit to offer the most comprehensive risk assessment program in the Philadelphia region. It encompasses all of Fox Chase's clinical services for people at risk for cancer, as well as innovative research in the areas of cancer prevention and genetics.

Getting started

To learn about your cancer risk and how you can benefit from the Risk Assessment Program at Fox Chase, contact us by phone or online.

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How We Can Help You

The risk assessment process

Our risk assessment team—physicians, nurses, and genetic counselors—can help you determine your chances of getting cancer and whether you are at high risk for certain types of cancers.

The risk assessment process involves:

- A review of your personal medical history
- A review of your family history of cancer
- A clinical exam by a Fox Chase physician, if appropriate
- Genetic testing and counseling, if appropriate
- A personalized plan to reduce your cancer risk

Learning about your risk

We offer ongoing education to give you the most up-to-date information about risk for various types of cancers.

Comprehensive care

Once you are a Risk Assessment Program participant, you may choose to attend one of our follow-up risk clinics. Follow-up care might include routine screenings and appointments with a risk assessment specialist. We will monitor changes in your personal and family health histories. You will also receive risk assessment updates and research news with our *Prevention Matters* newsletter.

Clues to Hereditary Cancer

Certain patterns within families may be clues to hereditary cancer. Some of these clues within families include:

- Cancer diagnosed at a young age
- Rare cancer diagnosis (Example: male breast cancer)
- Multiple people in the family who have had the same or a related type of cancer
- Family members who have had more than one type of cancer
- Family members who have had multiple colon polyps
- Certain ethnic or racial backgrounds

Genetic testing and counseling

Genetic testing is available for certain types of cancers, and may help determine if your cancer risk is hereditary (passed down through the genes). In addition, we provide genetic counseling to help you and your family understand and cope with an inherited risk of cancer.

