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About Fox Chase Cancer Center

Fox Chase Cancer Center has done groundbreaking work in the field of cancer genetics. Initiated in 1991, risk assessment and genetic laboratory testing at Fox Chase has grown to provide comprehensive services aimed at personalizing cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL GENETICS SERVICES

Genetic risk assessment and testing service

The Fox Chase Cancer Center Department of Clinical Genetics offers a comprehensive cancer risk assessment service that evaluates family history and genetics along with lifestyle and environmental factors.

Our physicians, genetic counselors and nurses trained in genetics provide comprehensive risk assessment for all cancer types, including:

- Breast and ovarian cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer
- Genitourinary cancer including prostate and kidney cancer
- Skin cancer
- Thyroid cancer
- Endocrine cancers, and others

GENETIC TESTING

Genetic testing is available for:

Breast and ovarian cancer including:
- BRCA1/BRCA2; LiFraumeni syndrome; Cowden syndrome

Gastrointestinal cancer:
- Lynch syndrome; FAP (Familial Adenomatous Polyposis)

Others:
- Multiple Endocrine Neoplasias
- Kidney cancer
- Diffuse gastric cancer
- Uterine cancer
- Skin cancers

There are now multigene panels that test for a variety of genes that may be organ-specific or may span several organ sites.

WHEN TO REFER

Consider referring a patient for genetic cancer risk assessment if your patient has:

- Two or more relatives with the same type of cancer (on the same side of the family, such as breast cancer)
- Cancer diagnosed at an early age (under 50)
- More than one cancer over his/her lifetime
- Clusters of cancers seen in cancer syndromes (such as breast and ovarian, or colon and uterine)
- A rare cancer in two or more family members (such as sarcomas or kidney cancer)
- Papillary serous adenocarcinoma of the ovary diagnosed at any age
- A family with a known cancer susceptibility gene mutation

Genetic testing and counseling costs

- All services are billed to insurance
- Billing is based on standard CPT charges for tissue/tumor testing, germline genetic testing and genetic counseling
- Fox Chase provides financial counseling for patients to discuss insurance questions or concerns