HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH RESEARCH

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 lower this risk. Our researchers are looking at how cancer risk and genetic information affect individual and family decisions, and better ways of communicating cancer risk to patients and their families.

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.

Call for more information about:
• Genetic counseling/testing
• Cancer risk screening clinic

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PIONEERS IN CANCER RISK AND PREVENTION

Dr. Mary Daly, a leader in cancer prevention and risk assessment at Fox Chase Cancer Center, began one of the first risk assessment programs in the country in 1991 for people 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 cancer, such as prostate, gastrointestinal, and melanoma.

Today, our Department of Clinical Genetics offers one of the most complete risk assessment programs in the Philadelphia area.

Our program includes all of Fox Chase's clinical services for people at risk for cancer, as well as new research in the areas of cancer prevention and genetics.

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

The Risk Assessment Process

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

Risk assessment with a genetic counselor is:

- A review of your personal medical history
- A review of your family history of cancer
- A review of genetic risk information
- Genetic testing if needed
- A personalized plan based on your cancer risk

Personalized care

As part of our program, you may choose to come to one of our cancer risk screening clinics. This might include a clinical exam and routine screenings. We will follow changes in your personal and family health histories. You will receive our newsletter with risk assessment updates and research news.

CLUES TO HEREDITARY CANCER

Certain patterns within families may be clues to hereditary cancer.

Some of these clues include:

- Cancer found at an early age (under 50)
- Rare cancer diagnosis (example: male breast cancer)
- Two or more family members with the same type of cancer (on the same side of the family)
- Family members who had more than one type of cancer
- Family members who had many colon polyps
- Certain ethnic or racial backgrounds

Genetic testing and counseling

Genetic testing is available for certain types of cancer, 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 an inherited risk of cancer.