A visual guide on genetic testing

A genetic test that helps your doctor understand your cancer diagnosis and if it's hereditary

**WHY TO UNDERGO GENETIC TESTING:**

1. Understand why you developed cancer
2. Plan how to treat your cancer
3. Give information to your family members to help them understand their risk
4. Learn how to prevent or lower the chance of a future disease

**HOW IT WORKS:**

- **It looks at your genes,** which tell your body how to function and protect you from developing cancer.
- **It tells your doctor if the disease-fighting genes aren't working correctly,** increasing the risk of cancer.

**RESULTS:**

- **POSITIVE**
  - The result may indicate:
    - Why you developed cancer
    - If you might develop a different disease
    - If other family members may also be positive

- **NEGATIVE**
  - The result:
    - Didn’t find a mutation in any of the genes included in the test
    - Doesn’t provide a genetic explanation for your cancer
    - Suggests that further testing or an assessment may be useful to explore other explanations for your cancer

- **UNCERTAIN**
  - The result:
    - Doesn’t provide a full understanding of your cancer
    - Directs labs to collect more information
    - Prompts recommendations based on family history

With results from genetic testing, you and your physician can make informed decisions on the treatment plan for your specific type of cancer.

**References**


**WHAT YOU NEED TO PROVIDE FOR THE TEST:**

- Saliva
- Blood

Fighting cancer with everything we know™

Unlock access to renowned cancer expertise from National Cancer Institute–Designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers through AccessHope. The key for employees, their families, and their local treating oncologists to groundbreaking insights and leading discoveries, we provide employers the benefit of cancer support services that bridge the cancer knowledge gap for physicians and their patients, wherever they call home.

Visit myaccesshope.org to learn more.

© AccessHope 2021. All rights reserved.