

Appointment Information
Cancer Genetics Risk Assessment Program

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You have been scheduled to see a genetic counselor on _____ in the Cancer Genetics Risk Assessment Program at the St. Vincent Hospital Center for Cancer Care to evaluate your family history and discuss your genetic risks for cancer. **Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early** to complete any necessary paperwork and bring a copy of your insurance card.

The ***genetic counseling session*** is typically covered by most insurance companies and is billed as an outpatient visit, or “facility fee,” with no attached provider. You are responsible for checking to see if your insurance company requires any preauthorization or referral for this consultation. If ***genetic testing*** is performed, we will help you obtain preauthorization for the genetic testing, based on the assessment performed during your consultation. *We cannot establish preauthorization for genetic testing until we assess medical and family history during your consultation, as this information is important to determine coverage.* Please refer to the included information sheet on genetic testing, if you have more specific questions regarding coverage.

To enable us to address your concerns and provide you with an accurate risk assessment, it is important to fill out the enclosed questionnaire as completely and accurately as possible. Please consult other family members when you are not sure of a diagnosis or cause of death. Please bring any pathology reports from biopsies or relevant surgeries you or other family members have had. If you have access to death certificates or autopsy reports from relatives who had cancer, please bring those as well. Please fax the completed form to (317) 415-6675 or bring it with you at the time of your appointment.

Plan to allow an hour and a half for the genetic counseling session. During this time, your family history will be reviewed extensively and the genetics of cancer will be discussed. Available genetic testing may be reviewed, and general cancer surveillance will be discussed. Your personal risk for cancer and the likelihood of a gene in your family will be assessed. You may be sent to the lab after this appointment for blood to be drawn for genetic testing if it is indicated and desired. We will assist with insurance authorization of any laboratory testing. We provide results in person during a follow-up session at which time we discuss the test results and their implications. This follow up visit is generally scheduled as soon as insurance preauthorization has been obtained and the test is started.

Following your appointment, a letter summarizing the genetic counseling session will be sent to your referring physician and others involved in your care.