



**You cannot inherit cancer, but you can inherit a high risk for developing it.**

**The Hereditary Cancer Risk Assessment Program at Texas Oncology provides testing for people who have:**

- Been diagnosed with cancer before age 50
- Multiple family members with the same type of cancer
- Experienced multiple cancers

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At Texas Oncology, every single day amazing things happen. We discover breakthroughs. We find new treatments. We watch our patients recover. And we celebrate victories.

***We care.***

We know that compassionate care is just as important as advanced treatment. That's why we want to make you as comfortable as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or need more information.

For more information on genetic testing visit:

**[www.TexasOncology.com](http://www.TexasOncology.com)**

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### ***Why is genetic testing important?***

Genetic testing gives you an opportunity for cancer prevention or earlier detection. Early detection can protect your health and even save your life. Genetic testing can help you make informed medical and lifestyle decisions, understand your cancer risk and provide helpful information to other members of your family.

### ***What is genetic testing?***

Genetic testing looks for changes in your DNA that may show a high risk for inherited cancer. This testing can determine whether or not you inherited a high risk for certain cancers such as breast, ovarian, colon, endometrial and melanoma. Genetic testing also involves counseling both before and after the test.

## **The Hereditary Cancer Risk Assessment Program at Texas Oncology**

Since 1998, the Hereditary Cancer Risk Assessment Program has provided in-depth cancer risk assessments for thousands of Texans. Each one of our patients receives an analysis and evaluation from our health care team of oncologists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants or certified nurse specialists who have received special training in common hereditary cancers.

### ***Benefits of Cancer Risk Assessment at Texas Oncology:***

- Accurate assessments
- Multiple testing locations
- Confidential results
- Counseling before and after testing
- Cancer risk management strategies
- Covered by most insurance plans

***For a list of Texas Oncology Risk Assessment sites or to learn more, visit [www.TexasOncology.com](http://www.TexasOncology.com)***



### ***What happens after the test?***

Following genetic testing, you will receive counseling about the results of your test. We will discuss your cancer risk strategy options. These options may include closer medical surveillance, therapy for prevention or surgery.

### ***Can your test results help your family?***

If you have tested positive for a mutation, other members of your family are encouraged to be tested as well. Their tests will help them make decisions that could save their lives. It may also tell them that they do not have the hereditary risk.

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is how Texans  
fight cancer.**

### ***Will insurance cover genetic testing?***

HIPAA and Texas law protects patient privacy and prohibits health insurance discrimination based on genetic information. Most laboratories determine coverage prior to testing. The majority of patients do have coverage.

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