

# Understanding Your Negative Genetic Test Result

## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

<b>Genes</b>	Genes are instructions for how our bodies work and develop. Everyone has two copies of each gene, one from each parent. Variants (changes) in certain genes can cause genetic conditions. These gene changes may be passed down in families or be brand new for the person who has a genetic condition. Even if there is no history of the specific condition in your family, it can still be caused by a change in a gene.
<b>Result</b>	The test result was negative, which means that the test did not find any pathogenic mutations (known to be disease-causing) or likely pathogenic variants (likely to be disease-causing). You may still have a pathogenic mutation or likely pathogenic variant in a gene that was not included in this test. It is also possible that your condition may not be caused by a change in a gene.
<b>Diagnosis</b>	This testing does not change your diagnosis. If you have been diagnosed with a specific condition, that remains the same.
<b>Further Testing</b>	More genetic testing may be needed. Please talk about this with your healthcare provider.
<b>Management Options</b>	Management options vary by condition and other factors. Talk to your healthcare provider about which may be right for you.

Please discuss this information with your healthcare provider. The field of genetics is continuously changing, so updates related to your genetic testing result, medical recommendations, and/or potential treatments may be available over time. This information is not meant to replace a discussion with a healthcare provider, and should not be considered or interpreted as medical advice.