

Understanding Your VUS Genetic Test Result

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS WITH ONE OR MORE VARIANTS OF UNCERTAIN SIGNIFICANCE (VUS)

Genes	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.
Result	The testing found one or more variants of uncertain significance (VUS). There is not currently enough information available to know if the VUS identified is expected to cause a genetic condition or not.
Diagnosis	This testing does not change your diagnosis. If you have been diagnosed with a specific condition, that remains the same.
Family Members	Your report will indicate if testing family members may help us learn more about your specific VUS. Family members might also benefit from a test to evaluate their personal risk of developing a disease. It is recommended that you share this information with them so they can learn more and discuss with their healthcare providers.
Management Options	Management options vary by condition and other factors. Talk to your healthcare provider about which may be right for you.
Reclassification	Collecting information about a VUS is an ongoing process. It is possible that your result may be better understood in the future. The healthcare provider that ordered your test will be notified if new information becomes available about your VUS.

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.