

# Understanding Your Moderate Risk *TP53* Genetic Test Result

## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS WITH A MODERATE RISK LIKELY PATHOGENIC VARIANT (VLP)

### 3 Things To Know

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| 1 | <i>TP53</i> moderate risk likely pathogenic variant (VLP) | Your testing shows that you have a moderate risk likely pathogenic variant (VLP) in the <i>TP53</i> gene.  |
| 2 | Reason for <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLP                  | <p>A <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLP may already be in a person's body at birth (germline), or may have occurred at some point during a person's lifetime (somatic).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with germline <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLPs may have attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome or an increased risk for <i>TP53</i>-related cancers. The attenuated form of Li Fraumeni syndrome means that the risk of cancer may not be as high as in classic Li Fraumeni syndrome.</li> <li>• People with somatic <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLPs do NOT have Li Fraumeni syndrome or attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome.</li> </ul>  |
| 3 | What this means for you                                   | <p>It is important to discuss your result in detail with your healthcare provider. Your report will indicate whether your <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLP may have occurred during your lifetime (somatic) or if your result is consistent with a diagnosis of attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your report has a COMMENT about the possibility of somatic origin, see "<i>TP53</i> Moderate risk VLP of unknown origin" table below</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your report states you have a <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLP with an increased risk for <i>TP53</i>-related cancers, see "Attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome" table on page 2</li> </ul> |

### *TP53* Moderate Risk VLP of Unknown Origin

Your test report includes a COMMENT about the possibility of somatic origin

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| Your Result            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLPs occur naturally in a person's blood later in life. These types of genetic changes can be observed even in healthy people, especially when they are over 65 years of age.</li> <li>• Somatic <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLPs can also be seen in blood as a result of chemotherapy or radiation treatments.</li> <li>• If your <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLP is somatic, you do not have the same cancer risks associated with Li Fraumeni syndrome. It is important to discuss your specific management with your doctor.</li> <li>• <b>It is not always possible to distinguish definitively between germline and somatic variants. It is important to discuss next steps with your doctor and decide on a plan that works for you.</b></li> </ul> |
| Other Medical Concerns | Somatic <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLPs are often detected in healthy people. However, some people with <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLPs in blood may be at an increased risk for heart disease or blood cancers. It is important to discuss with your doctor management and screening for these health concerns to determine if you may be at risk.  |
| Family                 | Testing your siblings, parents, and/or children can help determine if your <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLP is germline or somatic. If it is somatic, then neither you nor your family are at increased risk for the types of cancers that are seen more often in people with attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome.  |

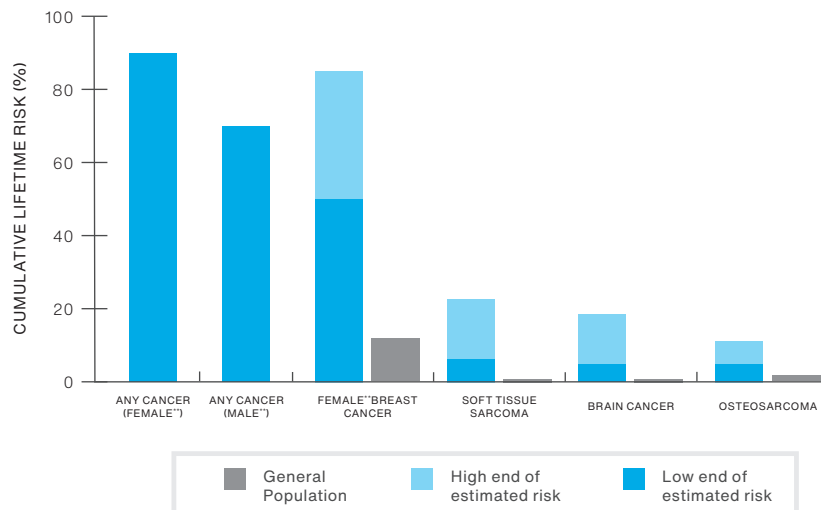
## Attenuated Li Fraumeni Syndrome

Your test report states that the result is consistent with attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome (LFS), which is caused by germline *TP53* moderate risk VLPs

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| <b>Attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome</b> | People with germline <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLPs are more likely to have attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome (LFS). The attenuated form of LFS means that the risk of cancer may not be as high as in classic LFS.  |
| <b>Cancer Risk</b>                     | People with classic LFS due to germline <i>TP53</i> mutations have an increased chance to develop adrenocortical carcinoma (ACC) <sup>*</sup> , female <sup>**</sup> breast cancer, brain tumors, choroid plexus carcinoma <sup>*</sup> , leukemia, medulloblastoma <sup>*</sup> , osteosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma <sup>*</sup> , soft tissue sarcoma, and potentially other types of cancer. The risk for cancer may be as high as 90% for females <sup>**</sup> or 70% for males <sup>**</sup> . Cancer risks can vary widely, even within the same family. If you have a moderate risk VLP, the risks for cancer may not be as high as in classic LFS. |
| <b>Risk Management</b>                 | Risk management decisions are very personal. There are options to detect cancer early or lower the risk to develop cancer. It is important to discuss these options with your healthcare provider and decide on a plan that works for you.   |
| <b>Family</b>                          | Family members may also be at risk if you have a germline <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLP - they can be tested for the <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLP that was identified in you. It is recommended that you share this information with your family members so they can learn more and discuss with their healthcare providers.  |

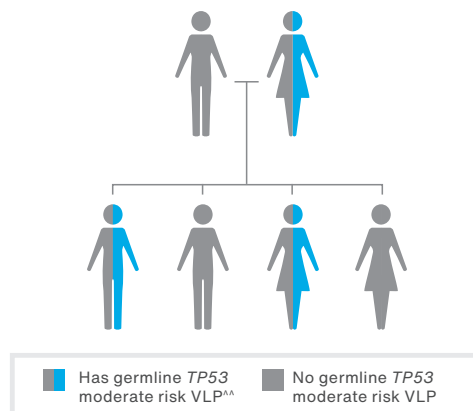
\* These cancers are often diagnosed in childhood (<15 years)

## Cancer Risks Associated with Classic LFS<sup>^</sup>



## Germline *TP53* Moderate Risk VLP in the Family<sup>^^</sup>

There is a 50/50 random chance to pass on a germline *TP53* moderate risk VLP to each of your children. The image below shows that everyone with a germline VLP can carry and pass on these moderate risk VLPs, regardless of their sex at birth.



\*\* Refers to sex assigned at birth

<sup>^</sup> Cancer risks associated with attenuated LFS may be lower than in classic LFS, but are not currently well defined

<sup>^^</sup> People with somatic *TP53* moderate risk VLPs cannot pass them on to their children.

## RESOURCES

- Ambry's Hereditary Cancer Site for Families [patients.ambrygen.com/cancer](https://patients.ambrygen.com/cancer)
- FORCE [facingourrisk.org](https://facingourrisk.org)
- Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Association [lfsassociation.org](https://lfsassociation.org)
- Living LFS [livinglfs.blogspot.com](https://livinglfs.blogspot.com)
- Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) [ginahelp.org](https://ginahelp.org)
- National Society of Genetic Counselors [nsgc.org](https://nsgc.org)
- Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors [cagc-accg.ca](https://cagc-accg.ca)

Please discuss this information with your healthcare provider. The cancer genetics field is continuously evolving, so updates related to your *TP53* 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.

# Clinician Management Resource for *TP53*

This overview of clinical management guidelines is based on this patient's positive test result for a *TP53* moderate risk likely pathogenic variant. Unless otherwise stated, medical management guidelines used here are limited to those issued by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®)<sup>1</sup> in the U.S. Please consult the referenced guideline for complete details and further information.

Clinical correlation with the patient's past medical history, treatments, surgeries and family history may lead to changes in clinical management decisions; therefore, other management recommendations may be considered. Genetic testing results and medical society guidelines help inform medical management decisions but do not constitute formal recommendations. Discussions of medical management decisions and individualized treatment plans should be made in consultation between each patient and his or her healthcare provider, and may change over time.

## NOTE:

- If the patient's report has a COMMENT about the possibility of acquired (somatic) origin, refer to the "*TP53* Moderate Risk VLP of Unknown Origin" table below for management guidelines. See the NCCN Guidelines pages LIFR-A 1 through 3 for a more detailed discussion of causes and management of atypical *TP53* findings.
- If the patient's report states that the *TP53* Moderate Risk VLP is consistent with attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome, refer to the "Attenuated Li Fraumeni syndrome" table on the next page for management guidelines.

## *TP53* Moderate Risk VLP of Unknown Origin

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| Clinical correlation   | <p><i>TP53</i> variants found in blood, saliva, or buccal samples may be present from birth (germline) or acquired later in life (somatic).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your patient's test report will indicate if the identified <i>TP53</i> variant is of uncertain origin</li><li>• It is not always possible to distinguish definitively between germline and acquired (somatic) variants. Clinical presentation may help guide management of these patients.</li></ul>   |
| Reasons for somatic <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLPs identified in blood or saliva | <p>Aberrant clonal expansion (ACE) due to clonal hematopoiesis (CHiP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Common in healthy older age populations (over 65 years)</li></ul> <p>Chemotherapy treatment</p> <p>Radiation treatment</p>   |
| Management and Next Steps  | <p>Management of individuals with identified <i>TP53</i> moderate risk VLPs will differ markedly depending on if the <i>TP53</i> variant is germline versus acquired (somatic).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Testing of family members can help distinguish between germline and acquired (somatic) variants, although it is not always possible to do so.<sup>1,2</sup></li><li>• Acquired (somatic) <i>TP53</i> variants: these individuals do not have Li Fraumeni syndrome (LFS) and are not at increased risk for LFS cancers. Management is based on personal and family history.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These individuals may be at risk for heart disease or blood cancers.<sup>1</sup></li></ul></li></ul> <p>Careful examination of the patient's complete blood count (CBC) and peripheral blood smear may be warranted in all cases reporting the discovery of a <i>TP53</i> P/LP variant, and testing of non lymphoid ancillary tissues may help to delineate bona fide mosaic involvement of different germ layers.<sup>1,2</sup></p> |

1. Weitzel J, et al. *Genet Med* 2018;20:809-816.

2. Chao E, et al. *Genet Med* 2021 Jul;23(7):1179-1184.

## Attenuated Li Fraumeni Syndrome

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| SCREENING/SURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS <sup>1</sup>  |  | AGE TO START  | FREQUENCY  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Female Breast Cancer</b>   |  |   |  |
| Breast Awareness<br>Women should be familiar with their breasts and promptly report changes to their healthcare provider  |  | 18 years old  | Periodic and consistent  |
| Clinical Breast Exam  |  | 20 years old (or at the age of earliest diagnosed breast cancer in the family), whichever comes first   | Every 6-12 months  |
| Breast Screening  | Breast MRI with and without contrast               | 20-29 years old (or at the age of earliest diagnosed breast cancer in the family), whichever comes first, including women treated for breast cancer and who have not had bilateral mastectomy | Every 12 months<br>Individualized after 75 years old   |
|   | Breast MRI with and without contrast and mammogram | 30-75 years old, including women treated for breast cancer and who have not had bilateral mastectomy  |  |
| Discuss option of risk-reducing mastectomy  |  | Individualized  | N/A  |
| <b>Brain Tumors</b>   |  |   |  |
| Brain MRI as part of whole body MRI (see below, Other Cancers), or a separate exam  |  | Individualized  | Every 12 months  |
| Neurologic exam**   |  | Individualized  | Every 6-12 months  |
| <b>Colorectal and Intestinal Cancer</b>   |  |   |  |
| Colonoscopy and upper endoscopy   |  | 25 years old, or 5 years before earliest known colon or gastric cancer in the family (whichever comes first)  | Every 2-5 years  |
| For patients who have received whole body or abdominal therapeutic radiation treatment, colonoscopy screening is recommended  |  | 5 years after treatment of disease  | Individualized   |
| <b>Melanoma</b>   |  |   |  |
| Dermatologic exam   |  | 18 years old  | Every 12 months  |
| <b>Pancreatic Cancer</b>  |  |   |  |
| For individuals with exocrine pancreatic cancer in ≥1 first- or second-degree relative on the same side of the family as the identified pathogenic/likely pathogenic germline variant, consider pancreatic cancer screening using contrast-enhanced MRI/MRCP and/or EUS. <sup>^</sup> |  | 50 years (or 10 years younger than the earliest exocrine pancreatic cancer diagnosis in the family)   | Every 12 months (with consideration of shorter intervals if worrisome abnormalities seen on screening) |
| <b>Prostate Cancer</b>  |  |   |  |
| Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing   |  | 40 years old  | Individualized   |
| <b>Pediatric Surveillance</b>   |  |   |  |
| Comprehensive physical exam including neurologic examination with high index of suspicion for rare cancers and second malignancies in cancer survivors  |  | Infancy   | Every 6-12 months  |
| Whole body MRI. Brain MRI may be performed as part of the whole body MRI or as a separate exam.   |  | Infancy   | Every 12 months  |
| Ultrasound for adrenocortical carcinoma   |  | Infancy   | Every 3-4 months   |

## Other Aspects of Managing LFS

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| The screening and management of LFS is complex and LFS is rare; it is preferred that individuals with LFS be followed at centers with expertise in the management of this syndrome.   | N/A                                      | N/A            |
| Address limitations of screening for many cancers associated with Li-Fraumeni syndrome (LFS). Screening should be considered for cancer survivors with LFS and a good prognosis from their prior tumor(s).  | N/A                                      | N/A            |
| Screening recommendations should take into account personal and family history of cancer. Provide additional surveillance based on family history of cancer.  | 5-10 years before the earliest diagnosis | Individualized |
| Therapeutic radiation treatment for cancer should be avoided when possible unless locoregional risk reduction or overall survival from radiation treatment is greater than the risk of downstream secondary malignancies; diagnostic radiation should be minimized to the extent feasible without sacrificing accuracy. | N/A                                      | N/A            |
| Provide education regarding signs and symptoms of cancer.   | N/A                                      | N/A            |
| Address psychosocial and quality-of-life aspects of management  | N/A                                      | N/A            |

\*\* This may be done as part of the comprehensive physical exam

† While there are no specific management recommendations for individuals with a moderate risk VLP, a cautious approach would be to follow the same management guidelines as for individuals with a typical *TP53* pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant. NCCN guidelines do not specify management for individuals with a moderate risk VLP.

^ For individuals considering pancreatic cancer screening, the Guidelines recommends that screening be performed in experienced high-volume centers. The Guidelines recommends that such screening only take place after an in-depth discussion about the potential limitations to screening, including cost, the high incidence of benign or intermediate pancreatic abnormalities, and uncertainties about the potential benefits of pancreatic cancer screening. The Guidelines recommends that screening be considered using annual contrast-enhanced MRI/MRCP and/or EUS, with consideration of shorter screening intervals for individuals found to have worrisome abnormalities on screening. The Guidelines emphasizes that most small cystic lesions found on screening will not warrant biopsy, surgical resection, or any other intervention.

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