

Understanding Your Negative Hereditary Cancer Genetic Test Result

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

RESULT	The test result was negative, which means that the test did not find any pathogenic (known to be disease-causing) or likely pathogenic variants (likely to be disease-causing). You may still have a pathogenic 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.
CANCER RISK	Even though your genetic test result was negative, you and your relatives may still have an increased risk of developing cancer based on other factors, including your medical and/or family history. It is important to discuss these risk factors with your healthcare provider.
WHAT YOU CAN DO	Risk management decisions are very personal, and depend on many factors. It is important to discuss these options with your healthcare provider and decide on a plan that works for you.
FAMILY	Depending on their medical and/or family history, your relatives may still have an increased risk of developing cancer and may be eligible for genetic testing and/or increased cancer screening. It is important that they discuss their options with their healthcare provider and decide on a plan that works for them.
RESOURCES	• American Cancer Society cancer.org • National Society of Genetic Counselors nsgc.org • Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors cagc-accg.ca

Please discuss this information with your healthcare provider. The cancer genetics field is continuously evolving, so updates related to your genetic test result, medical recommendations, genetic testing options, 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.