

# Understanding Your Negative Hereditary Cancer Genetic Test Result

## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Result	<b>NEGATIVE</b>	Your testing did not find any disease-causing mutations (changes, like spelling mistakes) in the genes tested.
Cancer Risks	<b>VARIES</b>	<p>Even though no mutation was found, you may still have an increased risk of developing cancer based on other possible factors, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your medical and/or family history</li> <li>• You could have a mutation in the genes tested that cannot be found with current testing methods</li> <li>• You could have a mutation in a gene that has not yet been linked to cancer or was not tested</li> </ul> <p>Your healthcare provider can help you learn more about this.</p>
Risk Management	<b>VARIES</b>	Risk management decisions are very personal, and depend on many factors. Talk to your healthcare provider about which, if any, options may be right for you.
Family Members	<b>VARIABLE RISKS</b>	Depending on your 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. They should discuss this with a healthcare provider.
Next Steps	<b>DISCUSS</b>	Please share this with family members so they can talk with their healthcare providers and learn more. Stay in contact with your healthcare provider for any relevant updates in genetic testing and/or cancer screening. Also, remember to update him/her with any new information about your family history, especially new cancer diagnoses, as this may change how they determine your cancer risks.
Reach Out	<b>RESOURCES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambry's Hereditary Cancer Site for Families <a href="https://patients.ambrygen.com/cancer">patients.ambrygen.com/cancer</a></li> <li>• American Cancer Society <a href="https://cancer.org">cancer.org</a></li> <li>• Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) <a href="https://ginahelp.org">ginahelp.org</a></li> <li>• National Society of Genetic Counselors <a href="https://nsgc.org">nsgc.org</a></li> <li>• Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors <a href="https://cagc-accg.ca">cagc-accg.ca</a></li> </ul>

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.