

Could colon cancer run in my family?

Most of the time, colon and other types of cancer are not inherited. However, cancer is caused by an inherited risk factor about 10% of the time.



Your **family history** can help us understand your chance of having an inherited cancer risk. It is important to consider **all** types of cancer on **both** sides of your family.



Identifying an inherited cancer risk through genetic testing can inform **screening, treatment, and risk-reducing** practices for you and your family members.



Signs of an inherited risk for colon cancer include:

A family history (on either side) of:



Multiple people with colon, uterine, and/or other cancers*



Multiple colon, uterine, and/or other cancers* in one person



Colon or uterine cancer diagnosed before age 50

*Cancer of the ovaries, small intestine, prostate, bladder, ureter, stomach, pancreas, biliary tract

If you recognize signs of an inherited risk for colon cancer in your personal or family history, talk to your provider or make an appointment with a genetic counselor at Genetic Support Foundation.



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