



Cancer Genetics (Colon Cancer)

Patient Education Resource Center (PERC)
Information Guide

Brochures

- National Cancer Institute. **Understanding Gene Testing**. A printable version is available at: www.accessexcellence.org/AE/AEPC/NIH/index.html
- The Johns Hopkins University.
 - › **Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP) Guide**
 - › **Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer (HNPCC) Guide**
 - › **Adenomatous Polyposis Coli (APC) Guide**
 - › **Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome Guide**

This is a series of guides for specific genetic conditions that increase the risk for colorectal cancer. Printable versions are available at the Digestive Disease Library of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions Website at: www.hopkins-gi.org

Articles

- Beil, Laura. **Family Ties : The Individual & Family Decisions Behind Testing for Genetic Cancer Risk**. Cure; Vol. 5, No. 3, Special Survivor Issue 2006 (p.52)
- Offit, Kenneth. **Genetic screening for cancer survivors and their families**. Coping; Vol. 19, No. 6, November/December 2005 (p.14).

Web Resources

- **Cancer Genetics** section on the cancer.gov site
 - Go to: www.cancer.gov
 - Click on "Cancer Information"
 - Click on "Prevention, Genetics, Causes"
 - Click on "Cancer Genetics"

The purpose of this information guide is to direct patients and health care professionals to sources of information on cancer and related topics, it does not constitute an endorsement of the information contained in the resources. This list is not meant to be comprehensive, but rather to provide starting points for Information seeking.

All listed materials can be found at the Patient Education Resource Center of the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in room B1-361. An online version of this document can be found at: <http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/learn/percpathways.htm>

Links to documents on cancer genetics, genetics of colorectal and other cancers and the Cancer Genetics Services Directory; a directory of professionals who provide services related to cancer genetic risk assessment, counseling, and testing.

- **GeneticHealth.com** www.genetichealth.com
Comprehensive explanations of human genetics and genetic counseling including a section on colon cancer genetics.
- **Genetics Home Reference** <http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/>
This site includes condition summaries that describe the genetic causes and pattern of inheritance for specific cancer types and a handbook that provides illustrated, basic explanation of how genes work and how mutations cause disorders. Has links to genetics resources on the web, and to organizations that provide patient support and advocacy.
- **Hereditary Colon Cancer** on the Johns Hopkins Gastroenterology and Hepatology Resource Center site
 - Go to: www.hopkins-gi.org
 - Click on: Digestive Disease library
 - Click on: Colon and Rectum and select Hereditary Colon Cancer
- **Understanding Gene Testing - an online tutorial**
<http://rex.nci.nih.gov/behindthenews/ugt/ugtframe.htm>
Colorful illustrations with concise explanations on the role of genes in the process of cancer, genetic testing, emotional and confidentiality issues.

Organizations

- **Colon Cancer Alliance**
Website: www.ccalliance.org
Phone: 877-422-2030

This document is not intended to take the place of the care and attention of your personal physician or other professional medical services. Our aim is to promote active participation in your care and treatment by providing information and education. Questions about individual health concerns or specific treatment options should be discussed with your physician.

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