Cancer Genetics
Colon Cancer

The purpose of this guide is to help patients and families find sources of information and support. This list is meant to provide links to authoritative, up-to-date information sources for patients, families, and caregivers.

The materials in this guide can be found at the Patient Education Resource Center (PERC) in the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center B2 lobby.

Brochures, Fact Sheets
- The Johns Hopkins University.
  - Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP) Guide
  - Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer (HNPCC) Guide
  - Adenomatous Polyposis Coli (APC) Guide
  - Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome Guide

Articles

Web Resources
- Cancer Genetics section on the National Cancer Institute site
  → Go to: http://www.cancer.gov/
  → Click on "Prevention, Genetics, Causes" underneath the “Cancer Topics” Heading
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  http://www.genetichealth.com/
  Comprehensive explanations of human genetics and genetic counseling including a section on colon cancer genetics.

  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: http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/gastroenterology_hepatology/
  → Click on: “Diseases and Conditions”
  → Click on: “Small and Large Intestine”
  → Click on “Hereditary Colorectal Cancer”

• Understanding Gene Testing - an online tutorial http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/understandingcancer/genetesting/GENETEST.PDF
  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: http://www.ccalliance.org/
  Phone: 877-422-2030