



GENETIC COUNSELING AT THE CENTER FOR CANCER CARE

The Center for Cancer Care at Exeter Hospital provides comprehensive, compassionate care for a wide range of cancers and blood disorders. We offer radiation oncology, medical oncology and hematology, surgical oncology, integrative oncology, genetic testing and clinical trials. Our multidisciplinary clinics, patient navigator and second opinion clinics provide you with comprehensive services and conveniences. Our relationship with the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center brings leading medical and radiation oncologists to the Seacoast region, providing exceptional care close to home. Patients also have access to a wide range of Mass General specialists if necessary.

Is genetic testing right for you?

If you have a personal history of cancer, you may be a good candidate for genetic testing to determine if you have a predisposition for other types of cancer and/or to determine if you may pass a genetic cancer risk to your children.

Licensed genetic counselors from the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center offer genetic counseling onsite at Exeter Hospital. Counselors work with patients to determine their risk factors and make a recommended course of screenings and lifestyle changes. Exeter Hospital also offers genetic testing for the BRCA gene mutation for women who have certain breast cancer risk factors.

Services:

- Meeting with genetic counselor to review personal history and family history of cancer.
- Genetic testing via blood and/or saliva sample as appropriate.

- Testing can be done for a specific cancer gene or a full panel, as necessary.
- If tests are positive, patients are provided with recommendations to help reduce the cancer risk, which may include more frequent cancer screenings, the use of alternate screening tests, risk-reducing surgery or medications.
- Options for participating in research or clinical trials through Mass General.
- Assistance with financial and insurance information.
- Mental and emotional support services for patients and their families.

For more information about genetic counseling or to make an appointment, please call the Center for Cancer Care at 603-580-7336 or visit exeterhospital.com.



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