

# Hereditary Cancer Clinic



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The Swedish Cancer Institute's Hereditary Cancer Clinic focuses on patients and families at risk for hereditary cancers including, but not limited to, breast, ovarian and colon cancers. This is determined through genetic testing.

## Benefits of genetic testing

The results of genetic testing can significantly influence a patient's treatment plan, as well as indicate appropriate screening tests and medical procedures for identified relatives who may be at risk of cancer.

testing for hereditary cancers. The genetic counselor also works closely with oncologists, surgeons and other cancer specialists to help integrate the genetic-test results into patient care and surveillance for cancer.



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## What to expect

At the clinic, patients and family members meet with a board-certified genetic counselor — a health professional with specialized training in genetics, medicine, risk assessment and counseling.

Genetic counseling usually lasts 30-90 minutes. Testing usually requires a simple blood draw with results usually taking about four weeks. All results are confidential.

The genetic counselor will review medical and family histories to determine which genetic tests are appropriate, as well as the risks, advantages and costs of genetic

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*For more information or to  
schedule an appointment,  
please call 206-386-3200.*



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