



IS ALL OF MY STUDY INFORMATION KEPT PRIVATE?

Yes. All your information obtained for this study will be kept private. Study staff takes great care to make sure that your study information stays private.

CAN I QUIT THE STUDY AFTER I JOIN?

Yes. Choosing to be a part of this study is your decision. You can also decide to leave the study at any time. If you leave the study, it will not affect your medical care in any way.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE STUDY?

You can find out if this study is right for you by calling the project manager at the medical center nearest you. The medical centers taking part in the study are listed on the back of this booklet. Please call if you have any questions or would like more information about the study.

THE CGN

The Cancer Genetics Network (CGN) is a network of cancer researchers from universities and hospitals nationwide. These centers are working together to learn more about cancer and genetics. The CGN is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute.

The following centers are part of this CGN study. For more information, call your nearest center.

CGN PARTICIPATING CENTERS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANCER GENETICS COALITION

Utah

Huntsman Cancer Institute, Salt Lake City:
(877) 585-0473

Colorado

University of Colorado, Denver:
(877) 700-0697, ext.2

New Mexico

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque:
(800) 303-4503

MID-ATLANTIC CANCER GENETICS NETWORK

Maryland

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore:
(877) 880-6188 or (410) 614-4038

CAROLINA-GEORGIA CENTER OF THE CANCER GENETICS NETWORK

North Carolina

Duke University, Durham: (866) 292-7546

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CANCER GENETICS NETWORK

Pennsylvania

University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center,
Philadelphia: (888) 666-6002

TEXAS CANCER GENETICS CONSORTIUM

Texas

MD Anderson, Houston: (877) 900-8894
University of Texas Southwestern Medical
Center, Dallas: (800) 688-5597

UCI CANCER GENETICS NETWORK

California

University of California, Irvine: (866) 542-9875

FINDING CAUSES OF COLON CANCER



BY STUDYING BROTHERS AND SISTERS

A CANCER GENETICS NETWORK (CGN) STUDY

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ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

This booklet tells you about a new study to look for factors that increase a person's risk of developing cancer of the colon or rectum. By studying brothers and sisters (known as siblings) who have had colon or rectal cancer or who have siblings with colon or rectal cancer, doctors and scientists have a better chance of finding these factors. The study is called the "Colon Cancer Sibling Pair Study." We would like to invite you to think about joining this study.



TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE STUDY

Research has shown that some colon cancers are inherited (passed from generation to generation) and their cause can be found by studying the DNA (genetic material) in blood or tissue samples. In addition, everyday life activities could influence the development of colon or rectal cancer.

The goal of this study is to look for factors such as new genes, lifestyles, and the environment in which we live that might lead to colon or rectal cancer in families. This will be done by looking at the similarities and differences in genetic material and answers to questions given by siblings.

WHO CAN JOIN?

You may be able to join this study if you and one of your siblings have had colon or rectal cancer.

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO?

You may be asked to do the following if you join the study:

1. Fill out forms. First, you will fill out one form to agree to participate in this study and a second form to allow us to obtain medical records from your cancer diagnosis and a small amount of the colon or rectal cancer tissue that was removed during surgery (if you had surgery).
2. Answer questions. You will also be asked to answer questions about your health and your family's medical history.
3. Give a blood sample.
4. Discuss participation in this study with at least one brother or sister with colon cancer.



HOW MAY I BENEFIT?

- The information learned in this study may help future generations; however, you may or may not personally benefit from this study.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS TO ME?

- You may have some mild pain when your blood is drawn.
- Discussions about inherited risk for developing colon or rectal cancer may cause concern or anxiety. If you or your family has concerns about your genetic status or want more information about your inherited risk for developing cancer, study personnel can refer you to experts for genetic counseling. There could be an additional cost to you for this service.