Confidentiality
We regard all medical information as your personal property. We will not release any information from your medical records, including genetic test results, without your prior written authorization.

Payment for Services
Services may be covered by your medical insurance plan. If you wish to use your medical insurance benefit, you will want to contact your insurance carrier prior to your first appointment to determine the extent of coverage.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Cancer Risk Assessment program at Lehigh Valley Hospital at 610-402-CARE.
Cancer Risk Assessment

There are various risk factors for cancer which often includes a family history. Some individuals have an increased risk for certain types of cancer which is often passed from generation to generation. Hereditary cancer risk may be linked to more than one type of cancer.

Through personal, confidential consultations with our team of caring and experienced specialists, you will learn more about your risk for cancer. A comprehensive assessment will be provided related to a variety of cancers including breast, ovarian, uterine, colon, melanoma, prostate and other cancers.

Our multidisciplinary team of specialists includes:
- genetic counselor
- nurse educator
- medical oncologist
- surgical oncologist
- gynecologic oncologist
- cancer support team
- colon-rectal surgeon

Do I need Genetic Counseling for Hereditary Cancer?

The following are some guidelines which help to identify individuals and families that may be at increased risk for a hereditary cancer syndrome. If any of the following apply to you or your family members, genetic counseling may be appropriate.

- Cancer diagnosed at a young age
- Multiple primary cancers (not due to spread from the initial cancer site)
- Several family members with cancer (the same type or different types)
- Diagnosis with a rare cancer
- Ashkenazi (Eastern European) Jewish ancestry
- A known hereditary cancer syndrome in your family

What to Expect with Cancer Risk Assessment

- Assessment of your personal and family history of cancer
- Education about cancer risk factors and sporadic vs. hereditary cancer
- A personalized risk assessment for hereditary cancer syndrome(s)
- Description of the benefits and limitations of genetic testing and a discussion about whether you are a candidate for testing—this does not mean that you are required to have genetic testing
- Recommendations for cancer screening and a risk-reduction plan tailored to your level of risk
- A full written report summarizing your visits
- Optional consultation with a team physician for further evaluation and discussion of recommended screening and/or risk-reduction strategies
- Option to participate in available research studies

Our team of specialists is available in person and by phone to provide you with ongoing support throughout your risk assessment process.

“With understanding, fear diminishes; in the absence of fear, hope emerges; and in the presence of hope, anything is possible.”

—Ellen Stovall, executive director, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, 25-year survivor of cancer