



The purpose of this guide is to help you find information and support on cancer genetics for colon cancer. This guide provides links and references to reliable and current information sources for patients, families, and caregivers.

Many of these materials are available to purchase through online resources or to borrow in your public library.

## Brochures and Fact Sheets

- National Cancer Institute. **Understanding Gene Testing.**

Printable version available at:

<https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/primer/testing/genetic-testing>

- Genetic Testing for Hereditary Cancer Syndromes

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/genetics/genetic-testing-fact-sheet>

## Web Resources

- **Cancer Genetics** section on the National Cancer Institute site:

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/genetics>

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.

- **Genetics Home Reference**

<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov>

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.

### University of Michigan Resources

- Cancer Genetics Clinic

<https://www.rogelcancercenter.org/cancer-genetics/clinic>

- Hereditary Colon Cancer Syndromes

<https://www.rogelcancercenter.org/living-with-cancer/caregivers-and-family/hereditary-colon-cancer-syndromes>

### Organizations

- Colon Cancer Alliance

<http://ccalliance.org>

Phone: (877) 422-2030

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