

Questions to ask your Genetic Counsellor



These questions are designed to support you to get the most out of your appointment with your genetic counsellor:

Genetic Testing

1. What are the benefits and the risks of genetic testing?
2. Is genetic testing an option for me? What does the test involve?
3. How long does it take to get the test results?
4. How much does genetic testing cost? Does my insurance cover it?
5. What are my confidentiality issues for the results?
6. What are the issues my family needs to think about when considering genetic testing?
7. What will it mean for other family members?
8. What are my options, if I am at higher risk of breast/ovarian/prostate cancer or if I am found to have a cancer gene mutation?
9. Are my family members (i.e mum, sister, male relatives) at a higher risk of breast or other cancers? What precautions do you recommend?
10. What does it mean if I am told that my results are non- informative? What are my options if this occurs?