

# HEREDITARY CANCER RED FLAGS



Personal/family history Red Flags to identify individuals at increased risk for a hereditary cancer condition who would most likely benefit from referral to genetics

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**MULTIPLE (3 OR MORE) FAMILY MEMBERS WITH CANCER DIAGNOSES**



**CANCERS OCCURRING ON THE SAME SIDE OF FAMILY**

*maternal side OR paternal side*



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**CANCER DIAGNOSIS AT A YOUNGER AGE THAN EXPECTED**

*e.g. colorectal cancer at/before age 40, breast cancer at/before age 45*



**SEVERAL AFFECTED GENERATIONS**

*This suggests an autosomal dominant pattern typical of most hereditary cancer conditions*

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**CLUSTERING OF CERTAIN TYPES OF CANCERS IN THE FAMILY**

*e.g. breast and ovarian, colorectal and endometrial, melanoma and pancreatic*



**MULTIPLE PRIMARY CANCERS DIAGNOSED IN SAME INDIVIDUAL**

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**RARE/UNUSUAL CANCER DIAGNOSIS**

*e.g. male breast cancer*

