

Informed Consent for Cancer Genetic Testing

This form is to be completed at the conclusion of your Genetic Counselling Consultation

I (patient), _____ (print name)

of _____ (address)

hereby consent to perform the following genetic testing:

_____ (insert test name)

I have been informed of and understand the following:

1. The potential outcomes of the test, including the potential benefits and risks and the implications that this may have for both myself and my relatives.
2. A blood sample will be collected from me using standard techniques, which carry very little risk.
3. The information that I have provided will remain confidential, in accordance with privacy legislation. My test results may be de-identified and used for statistical purposes.
4. A de-identified sample of my DNA may be used to assist in improving testing methods.
5. Identification of mutations within this gene(s) may assist clinicians in accurate diagnosis, the selection of appropriate treatment protocols and better patient management.
6. In some cases, DNA testing is unable to identify a genetic variant that is associated with increased risk of cancer, even though such a variant may exist. This may be due to the current lack of knowledge in the scientific community of the complete gene structure, or inability of the technology used to identify certain types of changes in genes. In addition, a genetic variant associated with an increased risk of cancer may not be detected because the mutation may occur in another gene that has not been tested.
7. If a genetic variant that is associated with increased risk of any type of cancer is not identified, this does not mean that I am at no risk of developing cancer in the future.
8. In some cases, a genetic variant of uncertain clinical significance may be detected in one or more genes.
9. My test results will be returned to my referring doctor, who will disclose them to me. A summary of the genetic counselling I receive will also be sent to my doctor.
10. Participation in genetic testing is completely voluntary and I may withdraw from the testing at any stage prior to the issue of my results by informing Genomic Diagnostics in writing. However, if testing is cancelled, a fee may be charged for work completed.
11. My test result may have implications for other members of my family. I have been encouraged to advise them of this result. My result may be used to facilitate the counselling and testing of other family members.
12. The test will not affect my ability to obtain Australian health insurance but could potentially affect my ability to obtain some types of life insurance and travel insurance.
13. Genetic tests are being improved and expanded continuously. Genomic Diagnostics will store my sample for a minimum of 5 years and, at my future request and with my consent, may be able to re-test the DNA by a new procedure for additional genes. However, Genomic Diagnostics does not guarantee the availability or integrity of the sample for future use.

Patient:

A Physician or Genetic Counsellor has explained the above to me and I have had the opportunity to ask questions. I am satisfied with the explanations and answers to my questions. I hereby consent to the above statements on this consent form.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Patient Name (please print): _____

Physician/Genetic Counsellor:

I have explained the potential clinical utility (including risks, benefits and alternatives) of the requested genetic test to this person and answered his/her questions.

Practitioner Name: _____ Practitioner Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Date: ____/____/____