CANCER GENETICS NEWSFLASH

In July 2026, the Ontario Health Provincial Genetics Program ***updated*** their Hereditary Cancer Testing Eligibility Criteria. With these expanded testing indications, please consider both newly diagnosed and previously diagnosed patients who may now be eligible for testing.





***KEY* Changes:**

- Personal history of breast, prostate, colorectal, or endometrial cancer **at age ≤50**
- Personal history of triple negative or multiple primary breast cancer **at any age**
- **Added personal history of biliary tract cancer at any age**
- **Updated and simplified eligibility criteria** related to hereditary melanoma, lung, solid tumours (GISTs, sarcoma, pheo/PGLs), and pediatric cancers

See full document for more details and explanation:
www.cancercareontario.ca/en/guidelines-advice/types-of-cancer/70161

For patients meeting the new criteria regarding hereditary breast, ovarian, prostate, biliary tract, pancreatic, endometrial, gastrointestinal cancers, and polyposis, **a new 40-gene Hereditary Cancer Core panel** will be offered after appropriate genetic counselling. Smaller, more targeted panels remain available for patients who prefer.

The LHSC Cancer Genetics Clinic remains committed to providing timely care. We are pleased to share that our **wait time for routine genetic counselling referrals is now approximately 4-6 months.** We continue to see urgent and high-risk (positive family variant) referrals within 4-8 weeks. Please see our website for referral information and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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