

Does cancer run in your family?



Most cases of cancer are not related to our family history, however a small number of people carry an inherited faulty gene which increases their risk.

Speak to your doctor if you have relatives on one side of your family who have had:

- cancers of the same type
- rare cancers
- cancer before the age of 50
- more than one cancer (for example cancer in both breasts), or
- if you have a relative who has been found to carry a faulty gene that increases their risk of cancer.

Knowing if your family history puts you at a higher risk of cancer is important so you can benefit from increased screening and surveillance, as well as expert advice and support.

Speak to your doctor today.