

Accessing Genetic Testing in Australia

Pathway for Patients

those who are eligible for publicly funded genetic testing



Patients who have had cancer and / or have 2 of more close relatives who have had cancer may be eligible for a publicly funded diagnostic genetic test



Talk to your GP about your family history and potential cancer risks. Your GP will refer you to a public genetic health service or a private genetic specialist for further assessment



If you are eligible for a publicly funded genetic test, attend pre-test genetic counselling at a public genetic health service to learn about the implications for you and your family

those who are ineligible for publicly funded genetic testing

OR those considering proactive genetic testing

Consider proactive genetic testing IF:

- · You are worried about your family history of cancer but are ineligible for a publicly funded genetic test
- · You have no family history, have never had cancer or heart disease but are interested to learn more about your risks and taking steps to be proactive about your health
- · You are planning a pregnancy and would like to learn if you and your partner are both carriers of the same condition, meaning your future child could be at risk



Consider medical-grade genetic testing through a private provider in Australia.



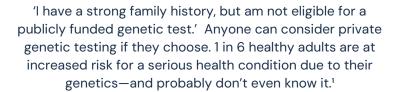


If you decide to go ahead with a test, sign a consent form, and provide a sample for genetic testing (blood, buccal or saliva)



You may decide that genetic testing is not for you and may want to defer your decision for the future. That's ok.

> It is a personal decision.



Consider <u>accessing genetic counselling</u> or private gentic services to learn your options for proactive genetic testing



Your results will be sent to your clinician. Attend a post-test genetic counselling session to learn what the results mean for you



Discuss your results in full with your clinician

Reference: 1. Haverfield EV et al. Physician-directed genetic screening to evaluate personal risk for medically actionable disorders: a large multicenter cohort study. BMC Med. 2021 Aug 18;19(1):199.

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