



GYNECOLOGIC CANCER RISK ASSESSMENT CLINIC

O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB – Preventive Care Program for Women's Cancers

The UAB Medicine Gynecologic Cancer Risk Assessment Clinic serves patients with personal and/or family histories of ovarian or endometrial cancer. Our team provides genetic counseling with a focus on cancer monitoring and strategies that may reduce your cancer risk along with comprehensive ongoing care. We offer both in-person and remote telehealth consults. Our telehealth services are provided through the Internet and a webcam or over the telephone, allowing patients to visit with their care team from the privacy and security of their own home.

During their visit, patients meet with a nurse practitioner and a certified genetic counselor from the UAB Division of Gynecologic Oncology to discuss their medical and family histories, genetic testing options, and possible changes to cancer monitoring and risk-reduction strategies. If genetic testing is appropriate and the patient wants to be tested, a saliva collection kit will be mailed to the patient's home or arrangements will be made to have blood drawn and sent out for testing.

IMPORTANCE OF GENETIC COUNSELING AND TESTING FOR PATIENTS WITH OVARIAN CANCER:

- It is recommended that all patients with epithelial ovarian/fallopian tube/primary peritoneal cancer be offered genetic counseling/testing, to determine if the cancer could be due to an inherited genetic mutation. This is good information for you and your family to know. If a harmful genetic mutation is found, there is up to a 50% chance that your first-degree relatives (parents, siblings, and children) also have the same genetic mutation.
- If you have a harmful genetic mutation, this could increase your risk for developing other types of cancer. Increased monitoring and/or preventive measures might be recommended.

IMPORTANCE OF GENETIC COUNSELING AND TESTING FOR PATIENTS WITH ENDOMETRIAL CANCER:

- If you have a strong family history of colon cancer, or if there are indications that your cancer could be hereditary (based on your final pathology results), then it is recommended that you receive counseling about genetic testing for Lynch or other cancer syndromes. Lynch syndrome is an inherited disorder that can increase your risk for multiple types of cancer including colon and uterine cancer.

OUR CARE TEAM

Our clinic is staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners, genetic counselors, and research nurses who provide comprehensive and individualized care to each patient.

OUR LOCATION

UAB Women and Infants Center
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HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

To learn more, or to make an appointment with the UAB Medicine Gynecologic Cancer Risk Assessment Clinic, please call 205-996-4662.