

Are You at Risk?

St. Joseph's Offering Cancer Genetic Risk Assessments

The Comprehensive Cancer Center at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is offering genetic risk assessments to Valley residents who have cancer or a family history of cancer. The initial consultation is free and a physician referral is not required. The risk assessments currently focus on breast, ovarian, colorectal and melanoma cancers.

Participants meet privately with a genetic assessment nurse at St. Joseph's for a consultation to review their family history of cancer. Genetic testing education is provided and recommendations are discussed. If genetic testing is recommended, participants will undergo a comprehensive blood test that is covered by most insurance companies.

The genetic risk assessment is offered to people who are concerned about their personal or family history of cancer. The assessment helps them understand the role genes play in the occurrence or redevelopment of cancer.

"This service is important for people to consider because the probability of cancer raises significantly if there's a genetic link," says Kimberly Hall-Wohead, R.N., B.S.N., genetic risk assessment nurse at St. Joseph's.

To schedule a genetic risk assessment consultation at St. Joseph's Comprehensive Cancer Center, call 602-406-6621.