

## Did You Know?

We provide comprehensive risk assessment, evaluation, genetic counseling and case management for patients and families with a variety of genetic conditions and risk factors.

Our program also includes access to state of the art laboratory assessment and clinical trials as well as a collaborative approach to care.

## To Make a Referral

BY PHONE:  
513-636-4760

BY FAX:  
The Specialty Services Referral Form can be

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and faxed directly to 513-803-1111  
Attention: Human Genetics

## Visit us online

[www.cincinnatichildrens.org/genetics](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/genetics)

\*For more information or to refer to the Heart Institute Cardiovascular Genetics program, please call 513-636-4432



## We Offer...

### A Team of Experts

- Clinical Geneticists
- Genetic Counselors
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Registered Dietician
- Medical Residents and Fellows

### Serving Multiple Locations

- Burnet Campus (main hospital)
- Northern Kentucky
- Liberty Township
- Eastgate
- Adams County
- Highland County

### In a Variety of Programs

- Connective Tissue Clinic
- Craniofacial Center
- General Genetics Clinic
- Genodermatosis Clinic
- Heart Institute Cardiovascular Genetics\*
- Hereditary Cancer Program
- Huntington Disease Clinic
- Metabolic Diseases Clinic
- Neurofibromatosis Center
- Neurometabolic Disorders Clinic
- Prenatal Diagnosis Services
- Skeletal Dysplasia Clinic
- STAR Lysosomal Disease Center
- Velocardiofacial Syndrome Clinic

### **What should my patients expect at a Clinical Genetics visit?**

During the visit, the genetic counselor or clinical geneticist may ask questions about the patient's medical history, reason for visit, perinatal history, prior medical tests, and/or other doctors seen. A family medical history will also be taken. The clinical geneticist may perform a detailed physical examination and may order one or more tests to provide more information or confirm a diagnosis. The genetics team may also talk with the patient/family about a treatment plan and/or a schedule for follow up visits.

### **How do my patients find out if they have a genetic condition?**

The first step is to sit down with a genetic specialist to review the medical and family history and, in some cases, perform a physical exam. This will help to determine if there is a genetic condition in the individual or family, the chances for family members to have the condition, and the impact to their health. As part of genetic counseling, the family will learn whether genetic testing is available and the pros and cons of testing. Genetic testing for many genetic conditions is possible. Most genetic testing involves having a blood sample drawn.

### **Will insurance cover the cost of genetic services?**

Genetic services are often covered by insurance. However, it is important for patients/families to understand their specific insurance plan and coverage. Some insurance plans require a referral from a primary care doctor in order to get coverage for genetic services. If genetic testing is recommended, genetic specialists can usually work with the patient/ family and the testing laboratory to determine the level of coverage before pursuing any genetic testing.

References: American College of Medical Genetics: [www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net), American Medical Association: [www.ama.org](http://www.ama.org), National Society of Genetic Counselors: [www.nsgc.org](http://www.nsgc.org)