



Family History and Genetic Mutations

Pancreatic cancer can run in families. Here are some questions to help you start a discussion with your doctor if your family has a history of pancreatic or other cancers.

Family medical history

1. Does my family and medical history affect my risk for pancreatic cancer?
2. What are the common family history and mutation risk factors for pancreatic cancer?

Genetic testing

1. Are there specific genetic factors I should be aware of related to my family's history?
2. Should I have genetic testing?
3. Does my family need to be concerned about an increased risk for pancreatic cancer?
Should they consider genetic testing screening?

Screening

1. What screening options are available for someone with a family history of pancreatic cancer?
2. Should I undergo regular screening even if no mutation is found?
3. At what age should I start screening and how often should I have follow up screenings?
4. Is there anything I can do proactively other than get screened?
5. Should my family consider screening?