

What does my positive genetic test result mean?

What testing did I have?

- You had a blood test that looked for problems in genes related to hereditary cancer.
- People can pass down problems in hereditary cancer genes to their children.

What is my result?

- Your test result is **Positive**.
- This means that there is a problem in one or more of your hereditary cancer genes.

What does a positive result mean for me?

- The problem in the gene might be the reason you developed cancer.
- You might have a higher risk of developing other types of cancer.
- Knowing this information might help your healthcare team plan your cancer treatment. You should talk about your result with your BC Cancer healthcare team.
- You will get a phone call from the BC Cancer Hereditary Cancer Program in the next month. They will set up an appointment to talk about your result.

What does a positive result mean for my family members?

- Your blood relatives (sisters, brothers, or children) may have the same genetic problem.
- To get genetic testing, they should contact their nearest genetics clinic. The clinics usually offer testing to people aged 19 and older.
- Your relatives can contact the BC Cancer Hereditary Cancer Program (see contact information below) to find out where they can get tested.

What if I have more questions?

- Talk to your cancer care team.
- Contact the BC Cancer Hereditary Cancer Program at hereditarycancer@bccancer.bc.ca or 604-877-6000 ext 2198.
- Visit our website: bccancer.bc.ca/hereditary