

THE MAXWELL & ELEANOR BLUM PATIENT AND FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

# Now Online: Mass General Cancer Center Genetic Series

The Blum Center has moved our programs online using a platform called Zoom. All programs are free and open to MGH staff, patients, and the general public.

If you are interested in attending a specific program, email [PFLC@partners.org](mailto:PFLC@partners.org) to receive details on how to join the online program.

The Mass General Cancer Center Genetic Series will be presented by Genetic Counselors from the Center for Cancer Risk Assessment.

## Hereditary Colon Cancer

Friday, July 24, 2020

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States. A portion of these colon cancers are due to genetic predisposition genes. Join Chandrika Kurpad, MS, LCGC to learn more about colon cancer-causing genes and what you can do if colon cancer runs in your family.

## Ovarian Cancer and Your Family: What You Need to Know

Monday, August 3, 2020

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Ovarian cancer is rare in the general population, but if it runs in your family, you may be at risk. Join Kathleen Steinberg, MS, LCGC to learn more about ovarian cancer-causing genes and what you can do if you have familial risk.



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# Now Online: Mass General Cancer Center Genetic Series (continued)

## **Cancer Genetics 101: Past to Present**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

**12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Genetic testing for cancer risk assessment was first offered in 1996 for a limited number of genes. Many people have heard of the BRCA genes, but cancer genetics has changed significantly since 1996. Join Stephanie Hicks, MS, LCGC to learn more about the role of genetic testing in the cancer setting and how it has evolved over time.

## **Your Family Health Portrait: How and Why to Learn About Your Family History of Cancer and Other Health Conditions**

**Friday, October 16, 2020**

**12:00PM - 1:00PM**

According to a CDC survey, 97% of people think it is important to know family health history, but only 30% have ever collected health information from family members. Join Meredith Seidel, MS, LCGC to learn tips on collecting your family health history, and how doing so can help you stay healthy.

## **Beyond BRCA: Hereditary Breast Cancer Genes**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Testing for the classic hereditary breast cancer genes, *BRCA1* and *BRCA2*, has been available and widely offered since their discovery in the 1990s. However, new technologies in genetic testing have recently uncovered information about other genes linked to hereditary breast cancer. Join Carly Grant, MS, LCGC to learn about other hereditary breast cancer genes beyond *BRCA1* and *BRCA2*.