

# Test result FAQ: Negative



Your genetic test result for inherited cancer testing was negative. Here are some answers to the most commonly asked questions about this type of test result:

## Does this test result rule out an inherited cancer syndrome for me?

While this test result may be reassuring, it cannot definitively rule out an inherited cancer syndrome, as genetic testing is not 100% sensitive. It is possible that your family has an inherited cancer predisposition syndrome, but that you did not inherit the genetic change or variant in your family. It is also possible that the cancers in your family are due to a variant in a gene or a portion of a gene not included in this testing, perhaps in a gene that is not yet known to be associated with hereditary cancer syndromes. Your family history of cancer may also be due to factors that aren't inherited.

## What is the chance that I will develop cancer? If I have had a cancer diagnosis, what is the chance that I will develop cancer again?

An individual's cancer risk and medical management are not determined by genetic test results alone. Overall cancer risk assessment incorporates additional factors, including personal medical history, family history, cancer treatment received, and any available genetic test results. You may speak with your physician to devise a personalized plan for cancer surveillance and prevention.

## What does this genetic test result mean for my family members?

Although your genetic test was negative for disease-causing mutations, genetic testing may be indicated for other family members. Your relatives should seek their own personalized cancer risk assessment.

## What are my options to learn more about my genetic test result?

Patients may call Invitae's genetic counselors at 800-436-3037 anytime during business hours to briefly review their genetic test results (after they are released by the ordering clinician) or schedule a post-test comprehensive genetic counseling session.