Collecting Your Cancer Family History

- Hereditary Cancer is Cancer That Runs in the Family
- About 5% to 10% of Cancers Are Hereditary

How Do I Know if Cancer Runs in my Family?

- There are multiple relatives with cancer on the same side of the family
- People in your family were diagnosed with cancer at a younger age
- A family member has multiple tumors

Why Is Knowing my Cancer Family History Important?

- You may benefit from genetic counseling and genetic testing
- It may affect your treatment and/or follow-up care
- Your relatives may be able to benefit from cancer screening and prevention strategies

INFORMATION TO COLLECT

- Type of cancer diagnosed
- Age of diagnosis
- Whether cancer is on the mother’s or the father’s side
- Ethnicity
- Previous results of genetic testing, if any

Information from first-degree relatives (parents, children, and full siblings) and second-degree relatives (grandparents, aunts/uncles, nieces/nephews, and half siblings) is most important.

When to Discuss Your Family Cancer History with Your Doctor

- After diagnosis, but before treatment begins
- After first phase of treatment
- During post-treatment summary

Learn more at: www.cancer.net/genetics

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