

FACES: Families Affected with Colon and Endometrial cancers

The purpose of the Families Affected with Colon and Endometrial cancers is to investigate the genetic basis of hereditary colon cancer predisposition syndromes, correlate them with the clinical presentations, with the ultimate goal of prevention of cancer in such families.

Eligibility criteria

Any of the following individuals would be eligible to enroll in the study:

- Individuals diagnosed with colorectal cancer (CRC) at a young age (under 50)
- Individuals with one or more first or second degree relatives with CRC diagnosed at a young age under 50)
- Individuals with more than 10 colonic polyps
- Individuals with a personal or family history of CRC, and HNPCC or FAP related cancers, such as endometrial, ovarian, small intestine, stomach, liver, brain, thyroid or desmoid tumors
- Individuals diagnosed as having HNPCC, FAP, Peutz-Jeghers syndrome, Juvenile polyposis syndrome, or other hereditary colon cancer syndrome
- Individuals who may be unaffected but have been found to carry a hereditary CRC gene mutation

Length of study commitment

The current study is an ongoing registry, and we would need to continue the study for an indefinite period of time, since new genes and risk factors may be identified in the forthcoming years. However, once enrolled in the study, in general, you do not need to do anything active to continue to participate.

To enroll in the study, individuals would first need to review and sign a consent form for participating in the study and release of medical information, and provide information about the cancers in their family. In addition, the only other thing that would be required at the time of enrollment is a blood sample. This can be arranged as a clinic visit here at Dana-Farber, or, in some cases, the consent form and the blood kit can be mailed to the individuals, and then they can be mailed back to us in the self-addressed prepaid envelope provided.

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