REFERRAL GUIDELINE

FAMILIAL CANCER CENTRE

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TARGET AUDIENCE

Referrers to the Familial Cancer Centre

PURPOSE

- To assist health professionals with the referral process.
- To ensure all relevant clinical and administrative information accompanies referrals to ensure timely referral processing.

FAMILIAL CANCER CENTRE: REFERRAL REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria are a guide, should you have any referral queries or concerns – please contact the Familial Cancer Centre by email: FamilialCancer@petermac.org or phone 03 855 95322 to speak to the on-call counsellor.

We will assess levels of risk and whether a genetic consultation may be useful depending on the level of information in the referral. Please include:

- A completed Peter Mac referral form, addressed to a named clinician – referral form and further information available at www.petermac.org/referrals
- Patient telephone number.
- Ages of onset and sites of cancer in patient and close relatives on both sides of family*  
  *close relative = first degree (parents, siblings & children) and second degree (aunts, uncles, grandparents).
- If anyone in the family has seen our service or any other genetics service, please provide their details.

It is most helpful to refer the person with a mutation or the cancer histories outlined below or their first degree relatives (parents, siblings & children).

INDIVIDUALS FROM FAMILIES WITH MUTATIONS IN CANCER RISK GENES

- Any member of a family where a mutation in one or more cancer risk genes has been found in the patient or a relative e.g. BRCA1, BRCA2, MSH2, p53, VHL, SDH etc.
FAMILIES WITH BREAST AND BREAST-OVARIAN CANCER

- Any man with breast cancer.
- Any woman with:
  - High grade ovarian/fallopian/peritoneal cancer (non-mucinous)
  - Breast cancer <30yrs or her-2 positive breast cancer <35yrs
  - Triple negative breast cancer (TNT) either <50yrs or TNT at any age if they also have a close relative with breast or ovarian cancer
  - Bilateral breast cancer where first was <50 yrs
- A woman with breast cancer who has a family history of:
  - A close relative with breast cancer (where 1<40yrs or 1 is male or 1 is bilateral or both cancers occurred <50yrs)
  - Two or more close relatives with breast cancer
  - A close relative with sarcoma or brain or adrenal cancer where 1<46yrs and 1<56yrs
- Anyone with Ashkenazi ancestry and breast or ovarian cancer

FAMILIES WITH GASTROINTESTINAL AND GENITOURINARY CANCERS

- A person with colorectal or endometrial cancer < age 50yrs
- A person with two close relatives with colon or endometrial cancer both <60yrs
- A person with gastric cancer before 40yrs or 2 close relatives where one is <50yrs
- A person with clear cell renal cancer <40yrs
- A person with two close relatives with renal cancer any age

RARE CANCERS

- Anyone with sarcoma under 45 or two close relatives with sarcoma any age
- Anyone with paraganglioma/choroid plexus cancer/retinoblastoma
- Anyone with medullary thyroid cancer/parathyroid cancer/gastrinoma

FOR ALL FAMILIAL CANCER CENTRE ENQUIRIES, CONTACT

For general enquiries or appointments, call 03 8559 5322 or email: FamilialCancer@petermac.org
The clinic operates Monday to Friday and is located on level 1, 305 Grattan St, Melbourne.
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