

***Who do I contact if I have questions?***

*To speak with a cancer genetic counselor about these results and discuss setting up an appointment, contact the Emory Cancer Genetics Program at 404-778-8570.*

Further information about Lynch syndrome can be found at:

Lynch Syndrome International  
[www.lynchcancers.com/](http://www.lynchcancers.com/)

Colon Cancer Alliance for Research and Education for Lynch Syndrome  
[www.fightlynch.org/patient.php](http://www.fightlynch.org/patient.php)



**Next steps after IHC positive results**

Your immunohistochemistry (IHC) test results indicate that you *may* have a hereditary\* form of colon cancer known as Lynch syndrome.

\*Hereditary forms of cancer run in families

## *Why is this important for me?*

Lynch syndrome is associated with an increased chance of developing colon and other cancers, often at a young age.

Lynch syndrome also increases your chance of developing another cancer.

## *Why is this important for my family?*

Since Lynch syndrome is a hereditary condition, other family members may also have Lynch syndrome and would be at increased risk of developing cancer.

Knowing this information allows for careful screening which can reduce the chance of serious cancers occurring.

## *What should I do next?*

Genetic counseling is available to explain in detail what your IHC results mean for you and your family. The genetic counselor will work with your doctor to coordinate follow-up genetic testing.

## *What will happen in the Genetic Counseling appointment?*

- Review of your medical and family history
- Discussion of Lynch syndrome: inheritance, cancer risks and medical management
- Genetic testing options, benefits and limitations
- Implications of genetic test results for you and family members