Understanding Lynch Syndrome

A Cause for Concern—And Potentially Cancer

Lynch syndrome is an inherited cancer syndrome that is linked to a genetic predisposition for developing certain types of cancer.

By Any Other Name
Lynch syndrome is named after Henry T. Lynch, a doctor who began studying the disorder in the 1960s. It also may be referred to as:
- Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC)
- Cancer family syndrome
- Familial nonpolyposis colon cancer
- Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal neoplasms

**BY THE NUMBERS**

1 in 279 people in the United States who have a gene mutation associated with Lynch syndrome

4,000 number of colorectal cancer cases per year due to Lynch syndrome

1,800 number of uterine cancer cases per year due to Lynch syndrome

40s & 50s the age when those with Lynch syndrome are most likely to develop cancer

AN INCREASED RISK

People who have Lynch syndrome are at a greater risk for the following cancers:

- Colorectal
- Uterine
- Stomach
- Small intestine
- Liver
- Kidney & Urinary tract
- Brain
- Gallbladder
- Skin