

NCI-CONNECT

Comprehensive Oncology Network Evaluating Rare CNS Tumors

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Your participation in **NCI-CONNECT** will help us better understand adult rare brain and spine tumors. Our goal is to improve care for you and future patients.



genetic counseling

During your NCI-CONNECT Clinic visit, you will have a personalized meeting with a **genetic counselor**. A genetic counselor helps determine if your cancer is hereditary, passed down through a family, and what that means for you.

While very few central nervous system cancers are hereditary, all are caused by genetic changes. Studying these changes helps researchers develop treatments and improve care.

Our genetic counselor will:

- > Meet with you to talk about your personal and family medical history.
- > Decide if genetic testing is right for you. Researchers will review your saliva, blood and tumor tissue samples to look for genetic changes to find out if your tumor is hereditary.
- > Discuss genetic test results and how the results affect you and your family's medical care.
- > Answer any questions you may have.

Questions?

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