



TO LEARN ABOUT COLORECTAL
CANCER BIOMARKERS

Understanding your colorectal cancer's biomarker status can help you create a plan with your healthcare team

Biomarkers are specific proteins, genes, or other markers that can give you more information about your cancer. You may also hear biomarkers referred to by other names, like “mutations,” “tumor markers,” or “molecular markers.” Learning as much as you can about biomarkers and your colorectal cancer's biomarker status can help you and your healthcare team determine your next steps.



ACT now to learn about colorectal cancer biomarkers

One way to learn more about your colorectal cancer is to do biomarker testing to identify specific genes and mutations. These can play an important role in the growth and spread of cancer. Biomarkers are one of the factors that make cancer unique to each person.

Here are the ways you can ACT to learn about your colorectal cancer's biomarkers:



Ask your healthcare team if biomarker testing has been or can be done



Confirm your colorectal cancer's biomarker status with your healthcare team



Take the next step to discuss a disease management plan with your healthcare team



Ask your healthcare team
if biomarker testing has
been or can be done

First, it's important to ask your healthcare team if biomarker testing has been done on your cancer. If biomarker testing has not yet been done, ask your healthcare team when testing can be done.

Biomarker testing can be done 2 ways:



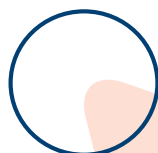
**A sample of the
tumor tissue**

OR



**A blood
sample**

Getting your colorectal cancer's biomarker test results will provide details about your cancer that can help determine which course of action is most appropriate for you.





Confirm your colorectal cancer's biomarker status with your healthcare team

The next step is checking your colorectal cancer's biomarker status with your healthcare team.

Colorectal cancer can have various biomarkers. BRAF, HER2, KRAS, MMR, MSI, and NRAS are some biomarkers you may hear about.

It's important to test early for biomarkers and remember your cancer's biomarker status so you and your healthcare team can make treatment decisions that are right for you.

If you haven't received your colorectal cancer's biomarker test results, ask your healthcare team to discuss them today.



Take the next step to discuss a disease management plan with your healthcare team



Learning your colorectal cancer's biomarker status early on can help you and your healthcare team determine the most appropriate next steps for managing your cancer.

There are different disease management paths based on your colorectal cancer's biomarker status. Knowing your colorectal cancer's biomarker status is an essential step to learn all you can about your cancer and how it can be treated.

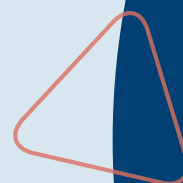


In the fight against colorectal cancer, there are groups available for support

Community advocacy organizations can help you find information about colorectal cancer, ways to cope with a cancer diagnosis, stories from cancer patients and loved ones, resources, and more. Some of these groups include:



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Find out your colorectal cancer's biomarker status today

Testing your colorectal cancer for biomarkers is a necessary part of your treatment journey because it can show your healthcare team how your cancer may progress over time and what treatments are appropriate for you.





ACT Now

Talk with your healthcare team about biomarker testing for your colorectal cancer, and remember to discuss your status as you and your healthcare team consider your disease management options.

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and resources about colorectal
cancer biomarker testing.