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MACGN
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The Mid Atlantic Cancer Genetics Network (MACGN) is funded by the National Cancer Institute. Its three major goals are:

- *Provide doctors, patients, and the public with access to the most recent news about cancer research, genes, and heredity.*
- *Help patients and their families reach doctors who specialize in hereditary cancer care and research.*
- *Put researchers in touch with people who may be willing to participate in studies.*

The MACGN includes doctors from all around the mid-Atlantic region to whom people can be referred. If you have had cancer or have a blood relative who has had cancer, you may wish to become part of this registry.

40% of Americans will develop cancer during their lifetimes. The risk of developing cancer depends on a person's age, lifestyle, and genetic makeup. In addition to studying environmental factors, scientists must study the genes involved in cancer in order to find a cure.

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A regional center of the Cancer Genetics Network

Helping Doctors And Families Fight Cancer

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(toll-free MACGN number)
1-877-880-6188

Take advantage of the free MACGN Registry

Registry benefits

- *You will receive the most up-to-date information on genes and cancer.*
- *You can be referred to cancer specialists if help is needed now or in the future.*
- *You may hear about special studies for which you are eligible.*
- *You can help doctors and scientists learn more about why some people get cancer.*
- *It is free.*

What is the MACGN Registry?

The registry is a list of people who have had cancer or have a family history of cancer. These people may benefit from receiving information on research in hereditary cancer. The registry is part of a large network which acts as a clearinghouse. It allows people to find doctors who specialize in cancer, and it helps scientists find people who may be interested in volunteering for research studies.

Your privacy is respected.

Keeping information private is an important part of this network. If you agree to join, some of your information will be shared with science researchers. However, your name will never be used without your permission, and you can withdraw at any time.

How can I enroll?

- *If you or someone in your family has had cancer, you are eligible for joining the registry.*
- *You will be asked to provide information about your own and your family's medical history. This can be done by mail and will take about 25 minutes of your time.*
- *You must be willing to be contacted about future volunteer studies.*
- *Any information that you provide is kept confidential. The medical information is used only for research purposes.*

Contact us!

You can return the attached post card, or call us at ***1-877-880-6188.***
(toll-free)

Our website also has information on hereditary cancer and how to enroll:

www.MACGN.org

Hereditary Cancer — why some families get cancer more often

What is hereditary cancer?

Hereditary cancer tends to run in families. It is caused, at least in part, by a change in a gene.

Who gets hereditary cancer?

Hereditary gene changes tend to occur in blood relatives. They can be passed on from parent to child. Any family member can be affected including parents, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and so forth. Clues to indicate that the cancers in a family might be hereditary include:

- *Many family members (blood relatives) with cancer*
- *Family members with the same type of cancer*
- *Cancer developing at young ages (less than age 50)*
- *Cancer that occurs in more than one generation*

What can be done about hereditary cancer?

- *Early detection is the key to treating cancer more successfully. Persons with hereditary cancer, or their family members, may need more frequent screening tests to watch for signs of cancer.*
- *Gene testing is available for some cancers. Doctors and counselors who specialize in inherited cancers may use gene tests that identify the presence of a gene for hereditary cancer or cancer predisposition.*

Please use the information below to contact me about the MACGN.

☐ Yes, I would like to enroll into the registry.

☐ I don't want to enroll into the registry, but would like more information.

Name: _____

Address: _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ (day) (____) _____ (eve)
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Best time to contact me: _____