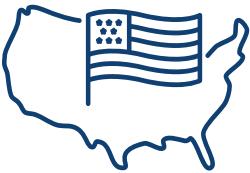


What is CCGS?



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) established the Clinical Cancer Genetics Service (CCGS) to provide Veterans with world-class cancer genetic counseling that is readily accessible regardless of where they live within the U.S.

CCGS Purpose



CCGS provides cancer risk assessment, hereditary germline genetic counseling and testing for Veterans.

CCGS uses genetic testing to improve the detection, diagnosis and treatment of Veterans with cancer by aiding in precision cancer care (e.g., cancer immunotherapy, chemotherapy and more) based on their unique genetic background.

What are the functions of CCGS?

- ✓ Assess hereditary cancer conditions and personalized cancer risks
- ✓ Inform personalized cancer treatment decisions and surveillance options
- ✓ Facilitate germline genetic testing when appropriate and aiding in result interpretation
- ✓ Assist patients in navigating the emotional and logistical implications of their genetic information
- ✓ Provide VA health care providers with resources and opportunities for education and collaboration

For More Information

Please contact the CCGS team at CancerGenetics@va.gov



Veteran Testimonial

Evon “Patti” Duhon, a U.S. Air Force Veteran, was referred to CCGS after completing treatment for triple-negative breast cancer. Duhon’s cancer genetic testing results revealed she carried BARD1, a hereditary gene mutation. Patients with a BARD1 gene mutation have a higher risk of developing breast or ovarian cancers. As a mother of two, Duhon encouraged her children to inform their doctors about her results, ensuring they undergo early genetic counseling and testing, with the goal of preventing cancer.

“If caught early, it can be treated effectively. We’ll be prepared.”

*U.S. Air Force Veteran
Patti” Duhon*



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