

# Endometrial Cancer and You



Endometrial cancer is a cancer that occurs in the tissue that lines the uterus. The uterus is the organ in a woman's pelvis where a baby grows. Endometrial cancer may also be called uterine cancer.

## **GENES ASSOCIATED WITH ENDOMETRIAL CANCER**

It is possible for endometrial cancer to be inherited from either the mother's or father's side of the family. Genes make up our entire bodies. For example, genes decide the color of our hair and how tall we are. One cause of inherited endometrial cancer is a condition called Lynch syndrome. Cancers that are associated with Lynch syndrome include: colon, endometrial, stomach, ovarian, brain, kidney/urinary tract, small bowel, pancreatic and sebaceous adenomas.

## **FAMILY RISK ASSESSMENT**

Consider your mother's and father's family history and check the boxes below that apply to you.

- Personal history of colon cancer before the age of 50
- Personal history of endometrial cancer before the age of 50
- You have had two or more of the cancers listed above
- First degree relative (parent, sibling, child) with any of the cancers listed above before the age of 50
- Relative with a positive Lynch syndrome test result

If you mark any of the boxes above, please call Presbyterian Gynecologic Oncology to schedule an appointment.

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*The genetic counselor will review your family history, options for testing and the precautions that you and your family may need to take based on your family history and/or test results.*