NorthShore University HealthSystem

Understanding Lynch Syndrome

A Cause for Concern—And Potentially Cancer

Lynch syndrome is an inherited cancer syndrome that is linked to a genetic predisposition for developing certain types of cancer.

By Any Other Name

Lynch syndrome is named after Henry T. Lynch, a doctor who began studying the disorder in the 1960s. It also may be referred to as:

- **Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC)**
- **Cancer family syndrome**
- **Familial nonpolyposis colon cancer**
- **Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal neoplasms**

COULD I HAVE IT?

Talk with your provider if your family has a history of colorectal cancer or you have a relative with Lynch syndrome. Both of these factors make it more likely that you have the genetic mutation.

BY THE NUMBERS

1 in 279

people in the United States who have a gene mutation associated with Lynch syndrome

4,000

number of colorectal cancer cases per year due to Lynch syndrome

1,800

number of uterine cancer cases per year due to Lynch syndrome

40s & 50s

the age when those with Lynch syndrome are most likely to develop cancer

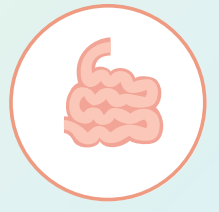
AN INCREASED RISK

People who have Lynch syndrome are at a greater risk for the following cancers:

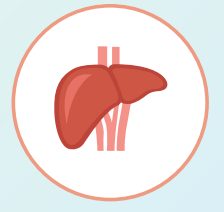
Colorectal

Uterine

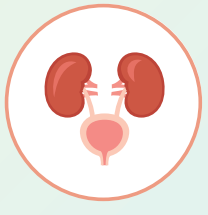
Stomach



Small intestine



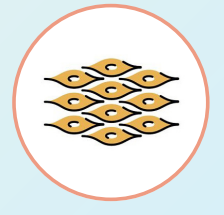
Liver



Kidney & Urinary tract

Brain

Gallbladder



Skin