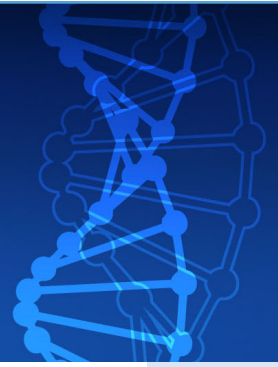


How to Order Testing for Lynch Syndrome

(Instructions for physicians and their assistants)



Note: Lynch Syndrome, also called Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer (*HNPCC*), is a hereditary condition of increased risk for certain common cancers, particularly colorectal and endometrial cancers. Patients who've had colorectal or endometrial cancer may have Lynch Syndrome, which implies an increased risk of cancer for themselves and their relatives. Identifying Lynch Syndrome in families may save lives through earlier and more frequent screening for cancer.

If you are seeing a patient who has had surgery for colorectal or endometrial cancer within the past ten (10) years, you may want to offer them testing for Lynch Syndrome. The test is performed on preserved tumor tissue from the patient's surgery. You can request the test with a phone call to SaraPath Diagnostics while the patient is in your office.

BEFORE YOU CALL

- 1 Has the patient had surgery (*colectomy or hysterectomy*) for removal of a colorectal or endometrial cancer within the past ten (10) years? If yes, proceed.
- 2 Do you have a pathology report from that surgery? If not, does the patient know where and approximately when the surgery was performed?
- 3 Was the surgery performed at a non-local hospital (other than Sarasota Memorial, Doctors Hospital of Sarasota, or DeSoto Memorial Hospital)? If so, keep the patient in the office to sign a release form for the hospital, which will be faxed to you.

When ready to order testing:

- 1 **CALL (941) 362-8900** during working hours (8 am - 5 pm, Mon - Fri)
- 2 From the recorded message, **Select option 1 (Physicians' options)**
- 3 From the physicians' options, **Select option 5 (Lynch Syndrome testing)**

You will be connected to a Call Center representative for SaraPath Diagnostics, who will take your order. If release of tissue from a non-local hospital is required, a release authorization form will be faxed to you for the patient to sign and fax back.

This program is run jointly by SaraPath Diagnostics and the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Genetic Education Program as a community-based project. More information can be obtained from the following:

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