

# Protecting You & Your Family from Cancer

## NMMC Cancer Care Genetic Testing & Counseling

Angie Taylor, FNP-BC, AGN-BC, counsels, educates, tests and makes recommendations for cancer prevention strategies for patients with high risk from generational cancers – including breast, ovarian and colon cancer.

Results from genetic testing can help someone with cancer make more informed treatment decisions, and can help those who have not been diagnosed with cancer take steps to prevent cancer.

### Outcomes Data

In 2017, it was found that high-risk patients were not consistently referred for genetic counseling. NMMC implemented new strategies to increase referrals.

Patients seen at the NMMC Breast Care Center between March 1, 2017, and September 20, 2017, were evaluated for high risk for development for breast cancer.

- 166 high risk patients identified
- 2 (1.2%) referred for genetic counseling

After new processes were implemented, the following results were shown from January 1, 2018, until May 22, 2018:

- 360 high risk patients identified
- 80 (22.2%) referred for genetic counseling

If you think you are a candidate for genetic testing, ask your primary care provider for more information.



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