

Familial Colon Cancer Registry

at Huntsman Cancer Institute

Message from the Director

We thank all of you who are considering participation in our Colon Registry. The purpose of the Registry is three-fold: 1) to keep you up to date on the research and advances important to your care; 2) to let you know of research projects that you may be interested in joining; and, 3) to assist in clinical care associated with risk for inherited or familial polyps, colon cancer and related cancers.

It is an exciting time in the area of genetics pertaining to cancer. The involved genes are known for many of the inherited cancer syndromes making genetic testing available to determine who does and does not have one of the syndromes. In addition, most cancers in this category can now be prevented through proper screening.

We also continue to look at new prevention strategies and therapies. For example, medications that cause regression of polyps have been developed and are being tested in clinical research studies—studies in which many of you may be able to participate.

Finally, work is ongoing to look for additional genes that cause polyps, colon cancer and related cancers in families. As these genes are identified, genetic testing will be possible for even more families, and greater knowledge of gene function will allow more and better therapies.

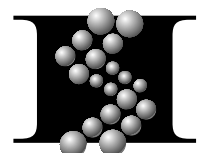
Your participation in the Registry at Huntsman Cancer Institute and the University of Utah is very important. The causes of cancer, their prevention, and optimal therapies are only determined by scientific studies. As a result of your participation in the studies that you learn about through the Registry, we are able to gain knowledge that is now, and will continue to be, of great benefit to people with inherited forms of polyps, colon cancer and related cancers.

We thank you again for considering participation in this important effort.

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