

A colorful DNA double helix structure is shown against a light blue background. The two strands are composed of small, multi-colored beads (purple, blue, yellow, red, green) that form a continuous spiral. The helix is oriented diagonally, with one strand in the foreground and another in the background, creating a sense of depth.

Endometrial cancer

Screening & Genetics

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Screening the general population

BGCS guidelines (2014 – due to be updated in 2020) :

There is no evidence that screening asymptomatic women in the general population with transvaginal ultrasound scanning (TVS) or endometrial sampling reduces the mortality from endometrial cancer (EC).

Identification of high risk women

Between 2-5% of endometrial cancer cases are thought to be inherited rather than sporadic.

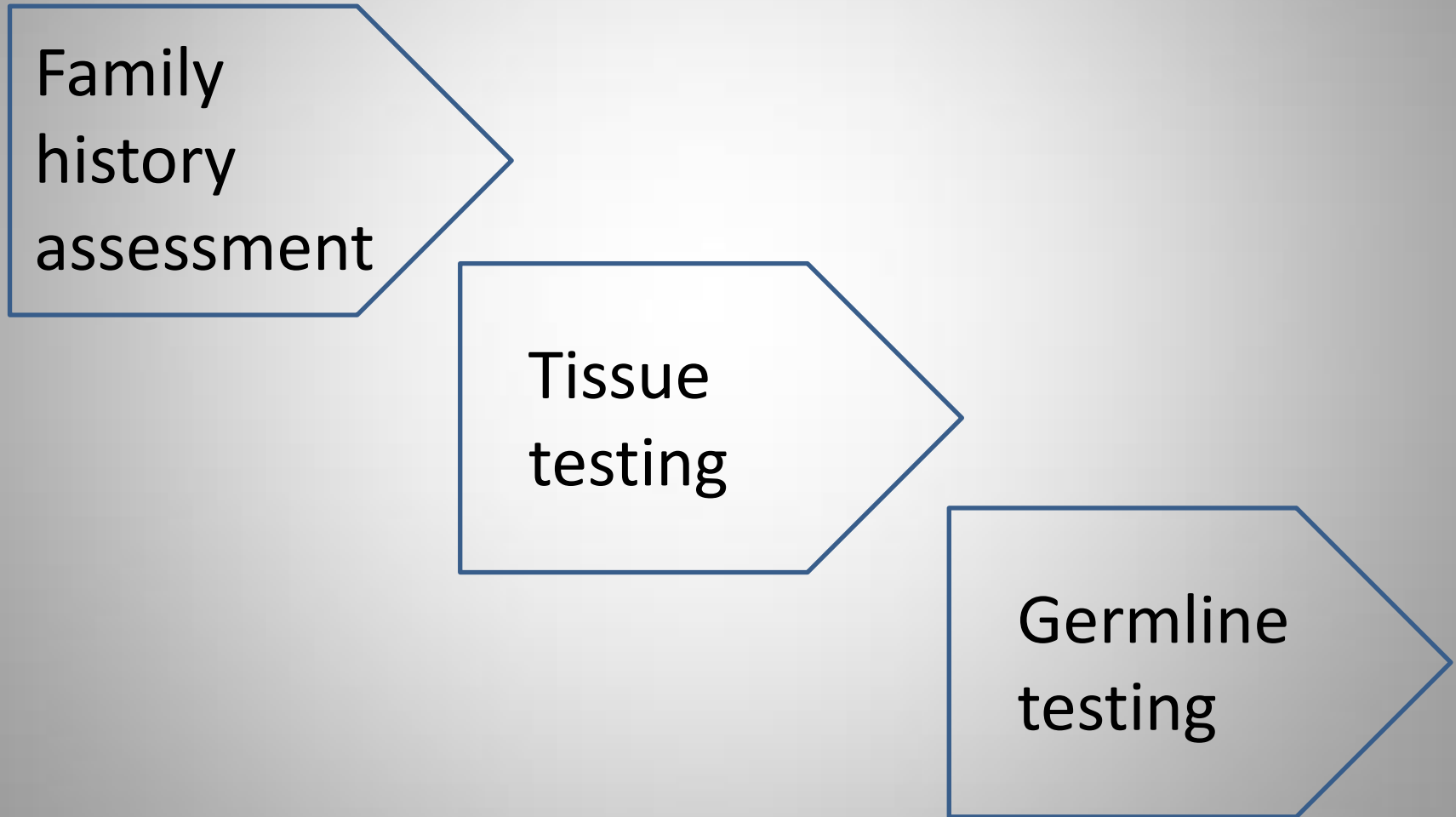
Lynch syndrome – first characterised in 1966 by Professor Henry T Lynch.

Syndrome & term coined in 1984.

Also known as HNPCC.

Autosomal dominant inheritance pattern.

Diagnosis of Lynch Syndrome - historically emphasis on bowel cancer in families





National Genomic Test Directory

Testing Criteria for Rare and Inherited Disease

August 2020

R210 Inherited MMR deficiency (Lynch syndrome) Testing Criteria

1. Living affected individual (proband) with Lynch-related cancer where the individual +/- family history meets one of the following criteria. The proband has:
 - a. **Colorectal or endometrial cancer** (when first diagnosed, any age; as per NICE guidance,) OR
 - b. Any lynch-related cancer* (<50 years), OR
 - c. Two Lynch-related cancers (any age, one is colorectal or endometrial), OR
 - d. Lynch-related cancer and ≥ 1 first degree relative has Lynch-related cancer (both occurred <60 years, one is colorectal or endometrial), OR
 - e. Lynch-related cancer and ≥ 2 relatives (first / second / third degree relatives) have Lynch-related cancer (all occurring <75 years, one is colorectal or endometrial), OR
 - f. Lynch-related cancer and ≥ 3 relatives (first / second / third degree relatives) have Lynch-related cancer (occurring any age, one is colorectal or endometrial)



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*Lynch-related cancers comprise:

Colorectal cancer,
Endometrial cancer,
Epithelial ovarian cancer,
Pancreatic cancer,
Ureteric cancer,
Transitional cell cancer of renal pelvis,
Gastric cancer,
Hepatobiliary tract cancer (excluding liver
cancer except cholangiocarcinoma),
Small bowel cancer,
Glioblastoma,
Pancreatic cancer,
Prostate cancer,
Multiple sebaceous adenomata,
Multiple sebaceous epitheliomas,
Multiple keratoacanthomas,
Sebaceous carcinoma,
Endocervical cancer

Order of testing

1. Microsatellite testing or immunohistochemistry (NOTE: IHC is out of Scope for this test directory)

If microsatellite stability and/or normal IHC are demonstrated, no further testing is indicated in the individual whose tumour has been tested

2. Exclusion of MMR deficiency due to somatically acquired MLH1 hypermethylation via tumour testing for BRAF p.(V600E) OR MLH1 hypermethylation in living proband if:

a. Proband has colorectal cancer or endometrial cancer, AND

b. Tumour shows high/intermediate MSI and/or loss of staining of MMR protein(s) on IHC

If acquired MLH1 hypermethylation is demonstrated (i.e. MLH1 hypermethylation in tumour tissue with normal methylation observed in normal tissue) no further testing is indicated in the individual whose tumour has been tested

3. Germline Lynch syndrome panel test in living affected individual (proband) with Lynch-related cancer.

The proband has:

a. Lynch-related cancer, AND

b. Tumour featuring high/intermediate MSI or loss of staining of MMR protein(s) on IHC, AND

c. If colorectal or endometrial, tumour which is normal on testing of: BRAF p.(V600E) and/or MLH1 hypermethylation analysis (BRAF p.(V600E) is not indicated in the endometrial testing pathway)

4. Somatic Lynch syndrome panel test in:

a. Living affected individual (proband) with Lynch-related cancer. The proband has:

b. Colorectal or endometrial cancer, AND

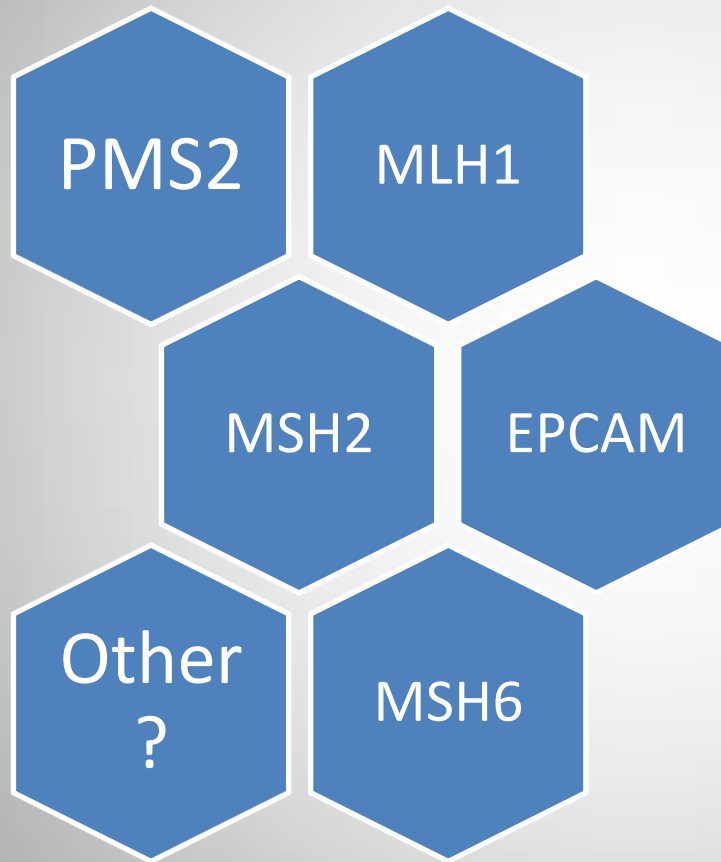
c. Tumour featuring high/intermediate MSI or loss of staining of MMR protein(s) on IHC, AND

d. Tumour is normal on testing of: BRAF p.(V600E) and/or MLH1 hypermethylation analysis (BRAF p.(V600E) is not indicated in the endometrial testing pathway), AND

e. Germline Lynch panel did not reveal a pathogenic mutation, AND

f. Personal/family pattern of disease whereby demonstration of acquired MMR mutations (and therefore exclusion of constitutional MMR abnormality) enables downscaling of surveillance

Lynch Syndrome genes



FAP
MUTYH associated polyposis
Cowden syndrome
Peutz-Jeghers syndrome
PTEN hamartoma syndrome

Testing strategies for Lynch syndrome in people with endometrial cancer

Diagnostics guidance
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Offer testing for Lynch syndrome to people who are diagnosed with endometrial cancer.

Use immunohistochemistry (IHC) to identify tumours with mismatch repair (MMR) deficiency.

It is likely that people and their families will benefit substantially if Lynch syndrome is identified after endometrial cancer is diagnosed

Testing for Lynch syndrome for people with endometrial cancer is likely to be a cost-effective use of NHS resources

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Endometrial cancer diagnosed
Tissue testing performed

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Management Guidelines for *MLH1* Mutation Carriers

Male <i>MLH1</i> approximate risks*			Female <i>MLH1</i> approximate risks*		
Cancer type	<i>MLH1</i> mutation carrier (up to 75)	Population lifetime risk	Cancer type	<i>MLH1</i> mutation carrier (up to 75)	Population lifetime risk
Colorectal	57%	7%	Colorectal	48%	6%
Endometrial	-	-	Endometrial	37%	3%
Ovarian	-	-	Ovarian	11%	2%
Upper gastrointestinal	22%	5%	Upper gastrointestinal	11%	4%
Ureter/kidney	5%	3%	Ureter/kidney	4%	2%
Urinary Bladder	7%	2%	Urinary Bladder	5%	<1%
Brain	<1%	<1%	Brain	2%	<1%
Prostate	Similar to population/ may be increased	18%	Prostate	-	-

Approximate *MLH1*- age-dependent cumulative cancer risks*

Current age	Male colorectal	Female colorectal	Endometrial	Ovarian
30	5%	0%	0%	0%
40	16%	12%	2%	2%
50	34%	21%	15%	6%
60	45%	32%	27%	10%
70	53%	44%	35%	11%
75	57%	48%	37%	11%

Management recommendations*

1	Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorectal screening: 2-yrly colonoscopy from age 25 to 75—review at 75 • Gastric screening: Helicobacter pylori one-off screening • Cervical screening: As part of the NHS cervical screening programme • No additional cancer screening is currently recommended outside of a research setting; symptom awareness to be advised
2	Risk-reducing surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer risk-reducing hysterectomy with BSO, once childbearing is complete, no earlier than age of 35- 40 (risks and benefits to be discussed) • HRT should be offered until age 51 in women who have not had a ER positive breast cancer
3	Chemoprevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss pros and cons of aspirin chemoprevention from age 25 to 85 (GP to prescribe): 150mg OD if ≤70kg or 300mg OD if >70kg (expert opinion)
4	Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research studies: e.g. IMPACT (prostate cancer screening study) and EUROPAC (pancreatic cancer screening study)
5	Cancer management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted therapies may be available as a treatment option for certain cancer types (immune checkpoint inhibitors e.g. pembrolizumab) • Surgical management of colon cancer: discussion regarding pros and cons of segmental vs. extensive resection may be appropriate • Adjuvant 5-FU chemotherapy may not be appropriate for patients with Dukes' B colorectal cancers*
6	Family matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate cascade testing in at-risk family members • Discuss reproductive options

*See FAQ document for further information: for questions or comments contact: bianca.deSouza@osft.nhs.uk

<https://www.ukcgg.org/information-education/documents-websites/>



Prospective Lynch Syndrome Database (PLSD) - cumulative risk for cancer by age, genetic variant, and gender in carriers subject to colonoscopy

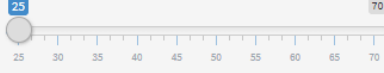
Any cancer | **Carrier without previous cancer** | Carrier with previous cancer | About

Calculation of cumulative risk for first cancer

Cancer type

Colorectal cancer

Current age



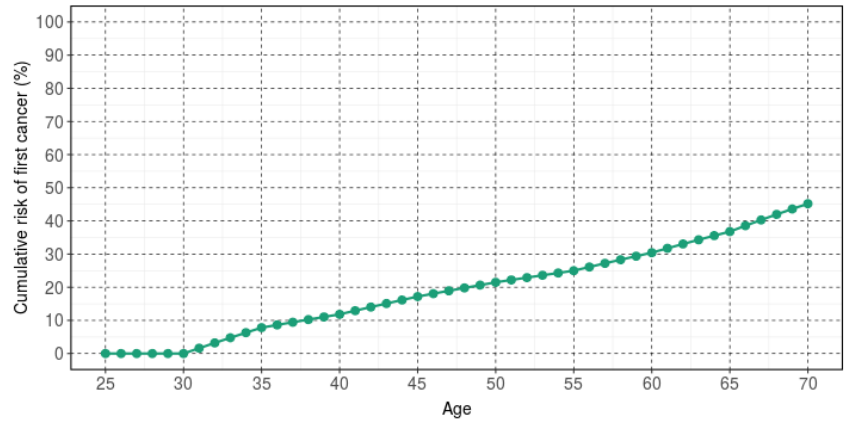
Gender

Female

Genetic variant

path_MLH1

Colorectal cancer - female
path_MLH1



Age	Risk (%)
25	0
40	12
50	21
60	30
70	45

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Bowel screening guidance

Risk Category	Screening	Age and Frequency
Population	FIT test (faecal immunochemical test) Flexible sigmoidoscopy	60-74 years, 2 yearly. Over 74 by request-call helpline 0800 707 6060 One-off at 55 years (not yet available everywhere)
Moderate Risk (One FDR under 50, or 2 FDRs at any age)	Colonoscopy	One-off at 55 years
High Risk (MMR testing normal) (3 FDRs at any age, 2 generations, proband is an FDR of one of these)	Colonoscopy	40-75 years, 5 yearly
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Bowel screening

- Gold standard = colonoscopy (+ dye spray for mutation carriers)
- Women who have already had gynae surgery +/- radiotherapy may well find colonoscopy quite uncomfortable
- If colonoscopy cannot be tolerated → CT colonography
- Future – MRI colonography & capsule colonoscopy
- Also – H.Pylori testing
- Discuss upper GI screening depending on family history
- Use of aspirin in mutation carriers to prevent polyp formation

Advice for relatives :

Bowel screening as per guidelines

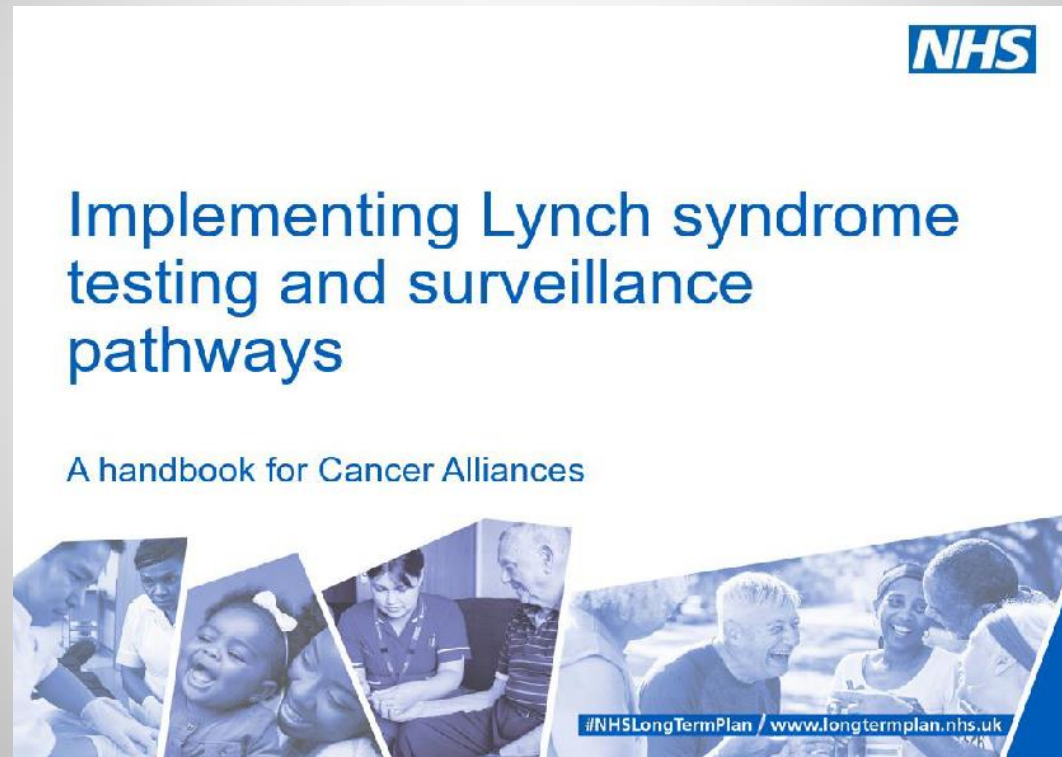
For gene carriers –

- To be symptom aware with regard to endometrial issues
- Low threshold for investigating any irregular bleeding etc
- Consider risk reducing gynae surgery once family complete

Genetic investigations

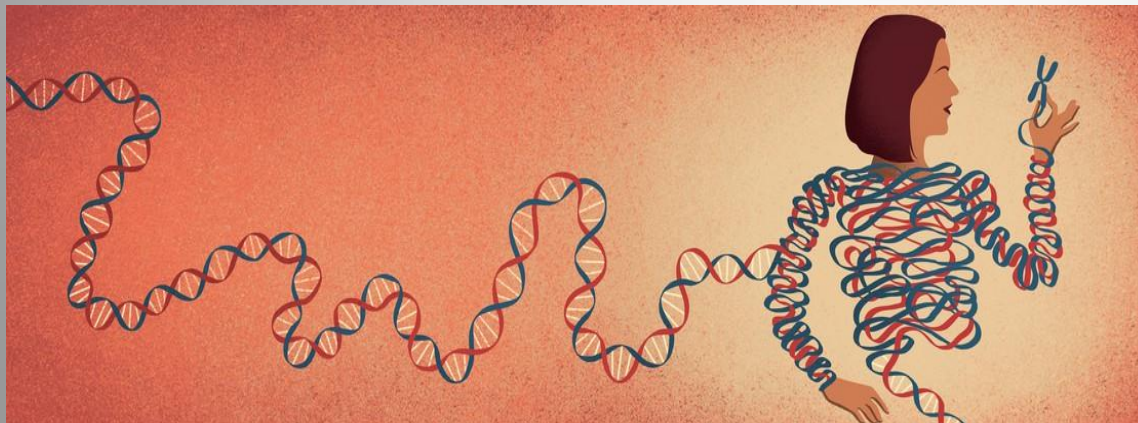
Currently – if tumour indicative of Lynch then patient needs to be referred to Tertiary Genetics for germline testing to identify any specific genetic mutations.

Future -



Consultation document – could be implemented in a similar way to Mainstreaming BrCa1/2 testing for ovarian cancer/PPC patients.

Any
questions ?



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