In Hereditary Colorectal Cancer, Knowledge Is Power – and here’s what you need to know.

Colorectal cancer is preventable – and knowledge gives you the power to make better decisions.

The #1 hereditary cause of colorectal cancer is called Lynch syndrome (also known as Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer or HNPCC).

Lynch syndrome: Accounts for 3% of all colorectal cancers.

Risk of family history matters – armed with the right knowledge, preventive actions can be taken.

Go to www.hereditarycancerquiz.com to see if you may be appropriate to be tested.

Millions of people may face the risk of either inheriting Lynch syndrome or developing colorectal cancer at any age.

Knowledge about a hereditary cancer mutation can help people to be a “Previvor”.

Previsors are people with a predisposition to cancer, like a Previvor. Preventive measures may significantly reduce the risk of colorectal cancer.

Current Facts about Colorectal Cancer: In 2018, there will be 140,250 new diagnoses of colorectal cancer.

Colorectal cancer will be responsible for over 50,000 deaths.

Lynch syndrome will cause over 7,000 new cases of colorectal cancer.

Family and personal history matters when determining your hereditary risk.

Lynch syndrome is caused by gene mutations involved in the repair of DNA replication errors.

Lynch syndrome: Accounts for 3-5% of all colorectal cancers.

Stomach cancer by 19%  Ovarian cancer by 15%

Lynch syndrome can also lead to multiple cancer diagnoses.

In addition to colorectal cancer, Lynch syndrome increases risk for many other cancers:

• Lynch syndrome helps identify people who may be at risk for colorectal and other cancers.

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Go to www.myriad.com to see if you may be appropriate to be tested.

Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) and hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancers (HNPCC) are the most common genetic causes of colorectal cancer. Lynch syndrome can increase risk for colorectal cancer.

Prevention matters when decisions matter most – genetic testing gives you the power of knowledge.

References: