



“Compiling Your Medical Family Tree”

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The four most important points to take away from today’s presentation:

- 1) A Predisposition = that you only have a greater risk of manifesting a certain medical condition than the general public.
- 2) Any amount of accurate Predisposition info about your Medical Family History you bring to your physician can be helpful (especially if you can find any Date of Disease Onset info).
- 3) We must **not** self-diagnose our own health based on medical Predispositions → get expert advice.
- 4) If possible, compile your MFT using both the genealogical research method + DNA SNP Predisposition results.

What is your Medical Family Tree?

- 📖 The genealogical approach (page 3)
- 📖 The “current” Commercial DNA approach . . . www.23andMe.com “HEALTH” test results
- 📖 Three brief Medical Family Tree Case Studies (pages 4-5)

Why are your Primary and Secondary Health Relatives the most important?

- 📖 Some basic biology (page 8)
- 📖 Shared genes (page 9)
- 📖 “Identify Your Health Relatives” blank form (pages 10-11)

Examining the completed Medical Family Tree chart and Predisposition Results Sheet

- 📖 Medical Family Tree (pages 28-29)
- 📖 “Medical Family Tree” blank form (pages 30-31)
- 📖 Predisposition Results Sheet (pages 36-37)
- 📖 “Predisposition Results Sheet” blank form (pages 38-39)

Relevant Concepts to help you understand your Medical Family Tree as you compile it

- 📖 Predispositions (page 34)
- 📖 Patterns (pages 32-33)

The 7 Steps to compiling your Medical Family Tree using the genealogical approach

- 📖 The Seven Steps (Steps outline on pages 6-7 . . . Compilation details on pages 14-40)
- 📖 The National Society of Genetic Counselors (headquartered in Chicago)
<https://www.nsgc.org/>

The Concern of Health Privacy

- 📖 Several privacy considerations (page 40)