

## Cancer Genetics and Genomics Workgroup

### 7-10-23 Meeting Notes

- Vivian shared screen to provide quick overview of current Patient Toolkit – not many changes since workgroup last discussed this version
- April wanted to see some additional resources from NCCRT regarding cancer family history added to toolkit
  - <https://nccrt.org/resource/risk-assessment-and-screening-toolkit-to-detect-familial-hereditary-and-early-onset-colorectal-cancer/>
  - <https://nccrt.org/resource/risk-assessment-and-screening-toolkit-webinar-june-19-2018/>
  - <https://nccrt.org/resource/blue-star-conversation-3-29-2022/>
- Stacy (new member) wanted to see some information about biomarkers and biomarker testing since many patients are unaware of this testing option
  - Stacy's background is colorectal cancer survivor and patient advocate working in clinical research, very passionate about empowering patients
  - More information: <https://fightcolorectalcancer.org/facing-colorectal-cancer/colorectal-cancer-biomarkers/>
  - Vivian will work on adding this information before the August meeting
- In addition, Stacy discussed how many patients are often unaware that their testing results may be released to their patient portal before providers are able to discuss the results with them
  - Stacy encouraged a statement about: “If you receive your testing results in your patient portal, please call your health provider” – this is to prevent patients from getting anxiety over trying to interpret their own results
- Two other new members joined meeting – Cheryl (cancer epidemiologist) and Nina (cancer genetic counselor)
- Alanna will email the toolkit to the workgroup so that everyone has a chance to read and review it on their own time before the August meeting
  - April said she will not be able to review the toolkit until after August 15 due to some prior work obligations
- Workgroup will discuss feedback for the toolkit in greater detail at August meeting
- At September meeting, workgroup will review the toolkit again and start talking about plans for dissemination