

Clinical Genetics Pre-Visit Information

Insurance Coverage and Costs

A number of insurance carriers have a contracted relationship with us. Each carrier has different criteria for coverage of genetic counseling and testing.

If you have questions regarding pre-authorization or your specific plan, please check with your insurance carrier directly or call the Memorial Sloan Kettering Insurance Line at 646-497-9176.

We recommend that you contact your carrier prior to your appointment to verify what costs, if any, will be covered under your plan.

Precertification and Authorization

Some insurance carriers may require that you pre-certify some or all clinical genetics services you receive. If your insurance carrier requires pre-certification prior to your genetic counseling session, your referring physician will need to call the insurance company before your appointment. Please note that the Clinical Genetics Service is unable to request precertification on your behalf.

If you require pre-certification for testing, we can provide you with a letter of medical necessity to submit to your carrier after you have completed your counseling.

CPT Codes

Some insurance companies may require that you provide CPT codes for the pre-certification. The CPT code for your genetic counseling visit may vary depending on the amount of time spent with your counselor.

The codes are as follows:

- LV1 99201
- LV2 99202
- LV3 99203
- LV4 99204
- LV5 99205

If you need to have blood work done on the day of your initial consultation, you will receive information about related CPT codes during your visit.

Privacy

As part of your patient privacy rights, your genetic test results and medical records will be kept private and confidential. When you register, you will receive more information about privacy, including who will have access to your medical records and for what purposes your records might need to be accessed. If you are registering at Memorial Sloan Kettering for the first time, you will also receive a notice of privacy practices which explains our privacy policy.

Genetic test results may be disclosed to other healthcare providers, insurance payers and other individuals or entities authorized to access your medical record in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. Your healthcare provider or genetics counselor can clarify who will have access to the test results.

Do I run the risk of being discriminated against based on my genetic test results?

We cannot fully guarantee that no one will ever try to use your genetic test results against you. However, in the United States, there are federal laws and some state laws that prohibit the collection, use, and unauthorized disclosure of genetic testing. These laws attempt to reduce the chance that you will be discriminated against because of genetic test results.

Questions

If you have questions about this information, please call the Clinical Genetics Service at 646-888-4050.