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HOP’s Genetic Screening Pause

The first study that the Healthy Oregon Project (HOP) started in 2018 aimed to understand the benefits of population-wide inherited genetic cancer risk screening and how screening results can impact cancer prevention actions to advance cancer early detection. **The study reached huge milestones by enrolling more than 50,000 participants and returning nearly 30,000 no-cost genetic results, including more than 1,300 positive results (gene variant detected).**

With these major accomplishments, the study plans to pause the genetic screenings in order to focus on new research questions related to the broader health of Oregonians. **HOP remains an active research study that will evolve to reach wider topics related to health.** New studies and surveys will be available through your existing HOP account, allowing you to choose whether to participate in as many as you like. HOP will continue to serve as a platform for participants to engage in various research opportunities for years to come. Stay tuned for more announcements coming soon!

HOP will continue to send saliva sample kits to those who consent and request one before the April 30 deadline. **To guarantee that you will receive your no-cost result, return your HOP kit by May 31, 2025.**

Don't Miss the Deadline!
If you'd like to complete a genetic screening kit, be sure to request the no-cost HOP Kit from your account by April 30!

Activate and return your kit by May 31st! Log in to your account from the HOP [app](#) or on the [website](#).



Meet the Principal Investigators and Team of the Healthy Oregon Project

HOP is supported by a team of community outreach specialists, scientists, institutional collaborators, and genetic counselors at OHSU dedicated to bridging the gaps in disease prevention, diagnosis, and treatment—driving health advancements for all Oregonians and beyond.

The project is led by two Knight Cancer Institute investigators:

- Dr. Jackilen Shannon is a Professor and Section Head in the Division of Oncological Sciences and Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement at the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute. She is a population scientist, and her work has focused on bringing the power of academic research to communities and enhancing that engagement in the research process.
- Dr. Brody is the Vice Chair of Research for the Department of Surgery and is the Associate Director of the Brenden-Colson Pancreatic Center for Patient Care. A focus of his research is on developing ways to optimize targeted therapies to treat pancreatic cancer.

Visit our [website](#) to learn about the HOP team and collaborators.

FAQ: I submitted a sample to HOP. What will happen to it now?

HOP participants who activate and return their kit before May 31, 2025, will receive a result as outlined in the consent form. Participants will be contacted if results are delayed beyond the expected timeline of 4 months.

Your sample and data are stored in a secure database. Any leftover saliva sample will be stored in a restricted-access OHSU biorepository. We may share information with studies that have met requirements set by the OHSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) to help answer important scientific questions. The information HOP may share with other researchers supports research studies without the need for repeated data collection.

To review the genetic screening consent form regarding future data use for research, locate your signed form in the 'More' tab under 'Completed Consents' in your account. Visit our Privacy page [here](#).



OHSU Clinical Studies

At OHSU there are **hundreds of clinical trials open** and looking for **participants** to help answer big scientific questions. **You** can be part of helping doctors find new ways to **improve health and treat diseases** beyond the Healthy Oregon Project (HOP) with [OHSU Clinical Trials](#).

[Explore the wide range of study topics](#), including nutrition, mental health, respiratory systems, COVID, and more. Enrollment in OHSU Clinical Trial studies is voluntary.



Cancer and Chronic Disease Prevention and Early Detection Resources and Education



In the US, pancreatic cancer is relatively rare but has recently been increasing. Coos County has one of the highest rates in Oregon. Early detection and treatment are the major keys to fighting this cancer. For information about how to talk to your doctor, what you can do, and more, visit [Coos Fight Cancer](#).



Join the [12th Annual Oregon Steps Against Melanoma](#) on May 3 to help raise awareness, raise funds, and support those affected by melanoma. Survivors, caregivers, family members or anyone affected by melanoma is welcomed to take part. Find out how to participate [here!](#)

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