

## What is Genetic Health?

Genetic Health Queensland (GHQ) is a statewide service that provides genetic services across Queensland by a team of specialist health-care professionals. We see individuals and their families with a suspected or known inherited or genetic health condition.

A team of medical specialists (clinical geneticists) and genetic counsellors work together at GHQ to look after patients and families all over Queensland. Regular clinics are held in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Nambour, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville, and Cairns. The Queensland Cardiac Genetics Clinic, Queensland Renal Genetics Clinic, and Queensland Familial Cancer Registry (QFCR) are also based within GHQ.



For more information about Genetic Health Queensland, educational material and details about making appointments, please contact the main office or the genetic counsellor at one of the outreach centres.

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Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (Prenatal Service) 07 3646 2269

Lady Cilento Children's Hospital 07 3068 4152

Townsville and Cairns 07 4433 1464

Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Mackay 07 4150 2794

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Toowoomba 07 4616 6995

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## Patient Information Brochure



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## What does an appointment at GHQ involve?

Prior to your appointment, a genetic counsellor will contact you by mail and telephone to gather some information to help provide the most accurate diagnostic and counselling information for you as possible. This includes information about the person that has been referred as well as their family.

At your appointment, you will be seen by a clinical geneticist, a genetic counsellor or both. Blood tests, x-rays, or other investigations may be organised to help make a diagnosis.

After your appointment, both you and your doctors will receive a letter about what was discussed during the consultation, including any recommendations made. Follow up appointments are arranged as required.

## Reasons your doctor may refer you to GHQ?

There are many reasons your doctor may refer you to our service. Conditions we commonly see include:

- Children and adults with developmental, intellectual or physical disabilities. We consider an underlying cause and the implications for other family members;
- Couples concerned about the risks of a genetic condition in a future or current pregnancy;
- Individuals with a personal and/ or family history of a known genetic condition;
- Individuals with a significant personal and/or family history of cancer, to discuss individual and familial cancer risks.

## How do I organise an appointment, and is there a cost involved?

GHQ is a specialist service and so requires a written referral from your doctor. It is a public health service provided by Queensland Health, so there are no out-of-pocket expenses.

