

## What's it like to get genetic testing

### **Why do genetic testing?**

A genetic test is generally performed so a person can find out if they suffer from a specific disease or condition.

DNA serves as the body's instruction manual. Nearly every cell in a person's body has the same DNA. Genes are segments of DNA found in chromosomes, and they control growth and help you stay healthy.

A genetic test is sometimes run to help find a gene that's damaged or missing something. The test can help determine whether you are suffering from a chromosomal defect, including whether you're missing or have an extra chromosome, or maybe if small bits of chromosomes are missing.

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