Genomic Testing (also known as biomarker testing or tumor profiling) reads the instruction manual of cancer cells to identify the mistakes, or genomic alterations, that cause the cancer to grow. Knowing this can help your doctor choose a targeted therapy, immunotherapy, or clinical trial that may work for you.

Ask your doctor which test is best for you.

Starting a conversation
Talking with your doctor about comprehensive genomic profiling with Foundation Medicine® may help lead you to the personalized care you deserve.
Our bodies are made up of millions of cells. Inside each cell is an instruction manual called DNA, which has chapters we call genes. Genes tell the cells how to behave, when to make new cells, and when to die. When cells divide to make new cells, they make a copy of their DNA and genes so that each new cell has the same instructions. Some inherited genes put us at risk for cancer. More often, genes pick up mistakes, called genomic alterations. Usually our bodies find these mistakes and fix them, but occasionally these mistakes cause the cells to grow out of control, causing cancer.

Cancer is most commonly treated with a type of medicine called chemotherapy, which tries to kill any fast growing cells — sometimes killing healthy cells in the process.

Drugs called targeted therapies and immunotherapies can more carefully select the cells they kill — making it easier to stop only the cells with mistakes, and leave healthy cells to grow normally.

You may have questions about whether the test is covered by your insurance, or what out-of-pocket costs you may have. Our FoundationAccess™ Program is here to help you and your doctor find answers to these questions.

You can send a financial assistance application at any time before, during, or after testing.

Fill out the form online at https://access.foundationmedicine.com

Your doctor will provide your insurance information when ordering testing.

Foundation Medicine will work directly with your insurance company on your behalf to try to obtain coverage and will handle any necessary appeals.

For any costs not covered by insurance, our team will work with you.