




Taking a Family History


Taking a family history is often the first step in identifying a genetic risk factor. Several strategies to assist in taking a family history are provided here.

In addition, specific pointers on the use of family history are provided in each of the [cases](#) in this resource.

Tools for Taking a Family History ^{*}

- [SCREEN for familial disease](#) 
- [Family disease checklist](#) 
- [Family medical history](#)  (pdf)

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Use the  icon to make printable copies of the family history tools.

References

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