



Job Posting: Cancer Genetics Research Assistant, BRIGHT Program

Position type: full-time or part-time

The Jewish General Hospital and McGill University Health Centre Breast oncology Initiated Genetic Hereditary cancer predisposition Testing program launched in October 2023 to facilitate mainstream genetic testing for female and male patients with newly diagnosed or recurrent stage I-IV breast cancer. The goals of the program are to streamline genetic testing and improve the turnaround time of genetic testing results, as well as evaluate and monitor genetics referrals and access to cascade testing for first and second-degree relatives of breast cancer patients with positive results who reside in Quebec.

Job Summary

The Jewish General Hospital Lady Davis Institute is seeking a qualified Research Assistant to help organize BRIGHT services and liaison between breast oncologists, cancer genetics, the core molecular diagnostic laboratory at the MUHC, and oncology patients. The Research Assistant would be working with a patient population consisting predominantly of women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer and have not yet had breast cancer susceptibility gene testing.

Primary Responsibilities*

- Organize testing eligibility, patient education, and molecular genetics requisition packages across both the JGH Segal Cancer Centre and MUHC Cedars Breast Clinic;
- In coordination with the laboratory genetic counsellor, collect data from all new requisitions liaison with breast oncologists in the setting of positive results;
- Follow up with patients to ensure they received copies of their results, including negative results;
- Create personalized patient letters (including copies of negative, positive, and VUS results) that help explain findings in lay-terminology for patients to receive at clinic visits or via email;
- Follow up on obligatory referrals to cancer genetics in the setting of variant of uncertain significance (VUS) and positive results;
- Monitor cascade testing of family members in the setting of positive results

Required Qualifications

- Excellent clinical interpersonal, organizational and prioritization skills and the ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary environment.
- Positive attitude with strong initiative and the ability to work both independently and in a team-oriented atmosphere.
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, with the ability to clearly convey information and ideas.
- Background and prior exposure to/knowledge of genetics and/or breast cancer an asset

Benefits

- Salary based on education and experience.
- The selected candidate will have funding to attend one (1) conference per year.

Please send your CV/Resume to sm.wong@mcgill.ca.

* Part of these responsibilities could be carried out remotely.