






Red Flags to identify patients with renal tumors most likely to benefit from [referral to genetics](#)

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<p> Patients with any renal tumour (benign or malignant) AND any one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bilaterality or multifocality Early age of onset (≤ 45 years of age) 1st or 2nd degree relative with any renal tumour A history of pneumothorax* One of the following dermatologic findings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Skin leiomyomas* Skin fibrofolliculomas/trichodiscomas* One of the following associated tumours: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pheochromocytoma/paranglioma* Hemangioblastoma of the retina, brainstem, cerebellum or spinal cord* Early onset of multiple uterine fibroids (<30 years of age)* Lymphangiomyomatosis* Childhood seizure disorder* <p><i>*or 1st degree relative with same</i></p>	<p> Patients with non-clear cell carcinoma with unusual associated features (e.g., chromophobe, oncocytic or hybrid tumours)</p>	<p> Patients, with or without RCC, who report a family member (any) with a known clinical or laboratory diagnosis of any one of the following genetic conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome Birt-Hogg-Dubé syndrome Hereditary leiomyomatosis and renal cell cancer Hereditary papillary renal cell cancer Hereditary paraganglioma/pheochromocytoma Tuberous sclerosis
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RCC – Renal Cell Cancer

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Brief summary of some RCC hereditary syndromes described in Reaume *et al.*, 2013

Genetic testing is available for all of the conditions listed. All conditions have variable expressivity [*variation in clinical features (type and severity) of a genetic disorder between affected individuals, even within the same family.*]

Condition	Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome	Birt-Hogg-Dubé syndrome	Hereditary leiomyomatosis and renal cell cancer	Hereditary papillary renal cell cancer	Hereditary paraganglioma/pheochromocytoma	Tuberous sclerosis Complex
Inheritance	Autosomal dominant	Autosomal dominant	Autosomal dominant	Autosomal dominant	Autosomal dominant	Autosomal dominant
# of individuals with new (de novo) mutations / no family history	20%	Unknown because a sufficient number of parents has not been evaluated for subtle manifestation	Unknown because a sufficient number of parents has not been evaluated for subtle manifestation	-	unknown	66%
Histology	Clear cell RCC	Chromophobe RCC/oncocytic RCC	Papillary type 2 RCC	Papillary type 1 RCC	Clear cell RCC	Epithelial (various) or mesenchymal (angiomyo-lipoma)
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Renal tumours — CNS hemangioblastomas — Retinal hemangiomas — Adrenal pheochromocytoma/ paraganglioma — Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours — Endolymphatic sac tumours — Epididymal cystadenomas — Broad-ligament tumours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Skin fibrofolliculomas — Pulmonary cysts — Renal tumours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Skin leiomyomas — Renal tumours — Uterine leiomyomas 	Renal only	Adrenal pheochromocytoma / paraganglioma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Skin (adenoma sebaceum, shagreen spots) — Retinal hamartomas — CNS lesions (including tubers) — Cardiac lesions — Renal tumours — Teeth/gum lesions — Bone cysts

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