GENOMIC TESTING FACTS

WHAT IS GENOMIC TESTING AND ITS PURPOSE?
Genomic testing is performed on tumor tissue or through a blood sample and can identify biomarkers that sometimes allow doctors to recommend certain treatments that target a specific type of cancer. This targeting can also prevent normal cells from being harmed by therapy and reduce side effects.1

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GENOMIC TESTING AND GENETIC TESTING?
Genomic testing checks your tumor cells for biomarkers. Genetic testing is done using a sample of blood, urine, saliva, hair, amniotic or other body fluid, to test for inherited mutations from your parents that could increase your risk for certain types of cancer.2

HOW DO I KNOW IF I NEED GENOMIC TESTING?
If you have been diagnosed with cancer, it is recommended that you talk to your oncologist about genomic testing.3

HOW CAN GENOMIC TESTING INFORM A TREATMENT PLAN FOR A RARE CANCER?
Knowing which biomarkers are driving a patient’s tumor growth could open the door to personalized treatment options, including access to clinical trials that may give patients the chance to live well and longer.4