



Persephone

# Informing the Future of Colorectal Cancer Care

Clinical Trial Now Enrolling at Select Kroger Locations

You can be a part of clinical research to help inform the future of colorectal cancer (CRC) care! You may be eligible to participate in ARGONAUT, a clinical study investigating the differences in gut health between people with CRC and those without the condition.

## What is ARGONAUT?

ARGONAUT is a clinical study run by Persephone BioSciences to advance the understanding of gut and immune health and how it can be applied to various disease areas, like CRC.

The goal of this study is to learn more about how CRC can be treated and prevented. We are collecting data from people to develop medicines and find genetic indicators of cancer that may help guide future treatment decisions.

Ensuring diverse populations are represented throughout this trial is a top priority.

## Why are clinical trials necessary?

Clinical trials help medical researchers learn more about a disease and, most importantly, how to improve care for people living with it.

Early screening and research play an especially vital role in increasing survival for people with CRC. The disease is responsible for:

**1 in 3** New Cancer Cases

**12.9%** of Cancer-Related Deaths in the United States<sup>i</sup>

**20%** Higher Diagnoses Among African Americans Than Other Racial and Ethnic Groups.<sup>i</sup>

*For More Information*

Please contact us at 833.317.0661.





## Who is at risk?

Family history of CRC is a leading risk factor, along with inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis); genetic syndromes (familial adenomatous polyposis or hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer/Lynch syndrome); and other lifestyle factors.<sup>ii</sup> People with a family history of CRC are encouraged to join as the key to unlocking personalized treatment may be in your gut. Understanding the difference in gut health between people with key risk factors and people without key risk factors can help inform treatment decisions and potentially save lives!

## Who can participate?

We seek to collect blood and stool samples to further research CRC and gut health from people who:

- + Are approaching an upcoming routine colonoscopy.
- + Can provide blood and stool samples pre-colonoscopy and at additional times during follow-up.
- + Are 18 or older.

ARGONAUT trial participation involves a two-year commitment for four stool and blood sample collections; with potential additional follow-up.

With select Kroger locations now serving as primary clinical trial sites, getting involved could be as easy as stopping by your neighborhood pharmacy or The Little Clinic.

While it is not required, people who have an immediate family member with CRC are encouraged to join as your gut health can help shape the future of CRC care. Select Kroger locations will be the primary clinical trial sites.

## What are the benefits of enrolling?

Science is moving faster than ever to create medicines to care for people experiencing cancer — but we need your help. This research will be used to identify key genetic markers indicative of positive response to treatment for CRC. By enrolling in ARGONAUT, you have an opportunity to contribute to valuable research to help transform CRC treatment and prevention for future generations.

## Where can I learn more?

If you or someone you love is interested in participating in the ARGONAUT clinical trial, please contact us at **833.317.0661** to learn about eligibility.

If you are a healthcare provider interested in learning more about the ARGONAUT trial, please contact us at **833.317.0661**.

The following resources provide additional information about the ARGONAUT clinical trial:

- ClinicalTrials.gov (Identifier: NCT04638751)
- Kroger.com/health/clinical-trials
- A conversation with a trusted healthcare provider

<sup>i</sup>American Cancer Society via <https://www.argonautvirtualtrial.com/#info>.

<sup>ii</sup>Centers for Disease Control via [https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/basic\\_info/risk\\_factors.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/basic_info/risk_factors.htm)

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