Before your Medical Genetics appointment….

During your consultation, a genetic counselor will be asking you detailed questions about your family history. Even though the condition you are concerned about might only be on one side of the family, it is important to gather information about both sides of your family. Please gather the following information before the appointment:

Names and ages of living relatives and names, ages at death and causes of death for deceased relatives including:

▶ Parents
▶ Brothers and sisters
▶ Sons and daughters
▶ Grandparents
▶ Aunts and uncles, great aunts and great uncles
▶ Cousins
▶ Nieces and nephews
▶ Grandchildren

Are any of the following conditions present in your family:

▶ Known genetic condition(s)
▶ Birth defects
▶ Learning disabilities/Mental retardation
▶ Unusual facial features
▶ Unusual flexibility, height, joint problems
▶ Multiple miscarriages and/or stillbirths
▶ Major illnesses and/or surgeries

Do any other conditions run in your family?

If yes to any of the above

▶ Do you know where your relative was treated?
▶ Can you contact your relative or the next of kin to obtain medical records if necessary?

Thank you