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Cascade screening

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A systematic process for the identification of individuals at risk for a hereditary condition. The process begins with the identification of an individual with the condition and/or a pathogenic variant associated with the condition and then extending genetic testing to his/her at-risk biologic relatives. This process is repeated as more affected individuals or pathogenic variant carriers are identified. This process is sometimes referred to as cascade testing (preferred term).