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Epidemiology of BRCA Mutation & The Pre-existing Guidelines for BRCA

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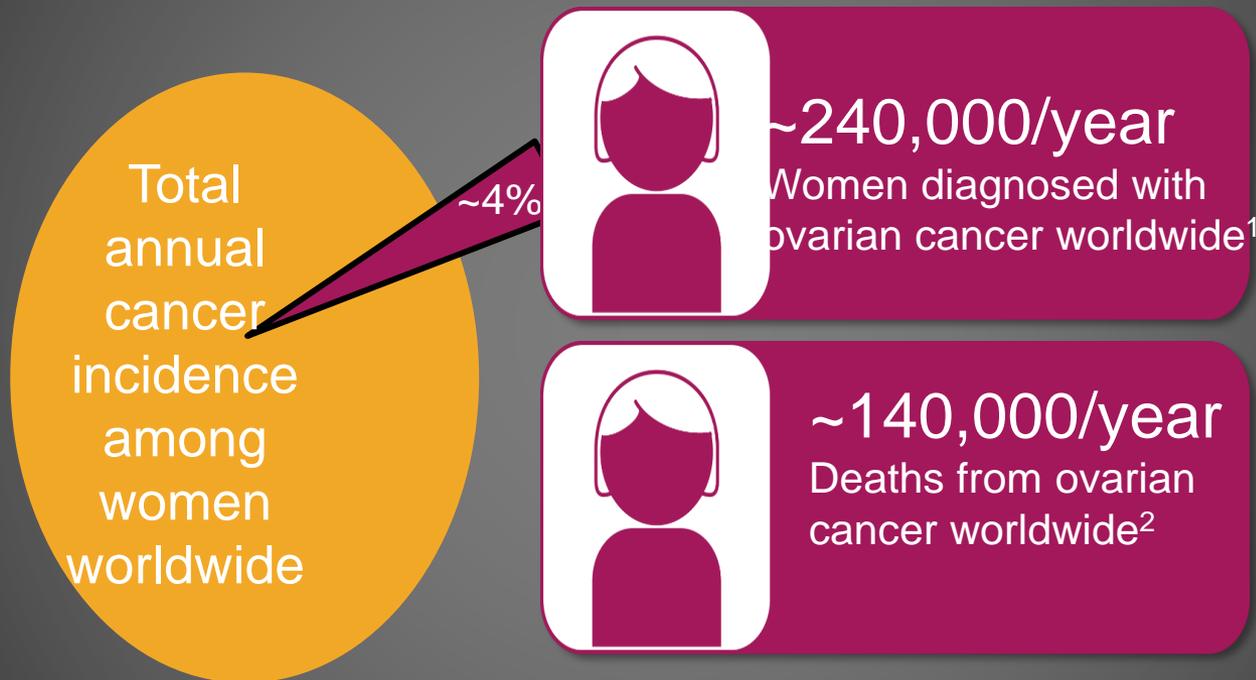
Presentation objectives

- Epidemiology.
- How risky is BRCA?
- What is BRCA?
- How to test for?
- Results expected.
- Guidelines.

- Introduction to ovarian cancer



- Ovarian cancer incidence and mortality rate



- 1. GLOBOCAN, 2012.
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- A regional perspective on ovarian cancer

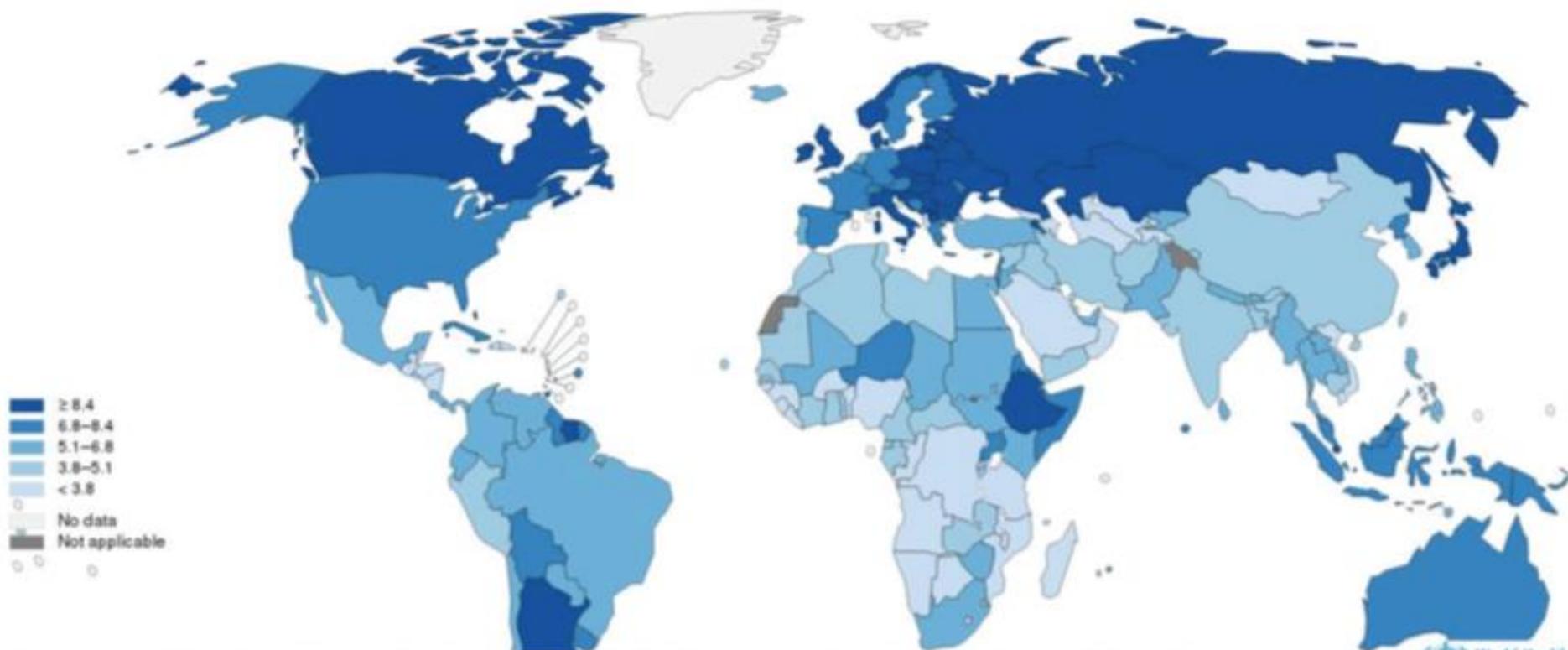
In the USA ovarian cancer accounts for about 3% of all female cancers and approximately 5% of cancer deaths among women¹

Outside the USA, Northern Europe has the highest incidence of ovarian cancer and mortality²



- 1. Jemal A, et al. *CA Cancer J* 2010;60:277–300; 2. Cramer DW. *Hematol Oncol Clin North Am* 2012;26:1–12.

Estimated age-standardized rates (World) of incident cases, ovarian cancer, worldwide in 2012



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Data source: GLOBOCAN 2012
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Countries with Highest Rates of Ovarian Cancer

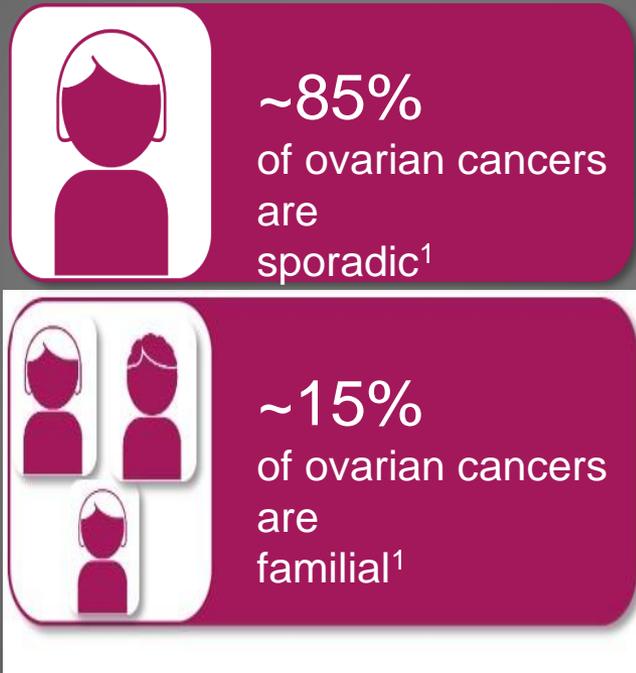
Ovarian cancer rates

Serbia had the highest rate of ovarian cancer in 2018, followed by Brunei.

Rank	Country	Age-standardised rate per 100,000
1	Serbia	16.6
2	Brunei	16.0
3	Belarus	15.4
4	Poland	14.7
5	Latvia	14.3
6	Hungary	13.2
7	Ukraine	12.3
8=	Fiji	12.2
8=	Lithuania	12.2
10	Croatia	12.1
11	Slovakia	11.6
12	Ireland	11.4
13=	Moldova	11.1
13=	Russia	11.1



- Sporadic and familial ovarian cancer

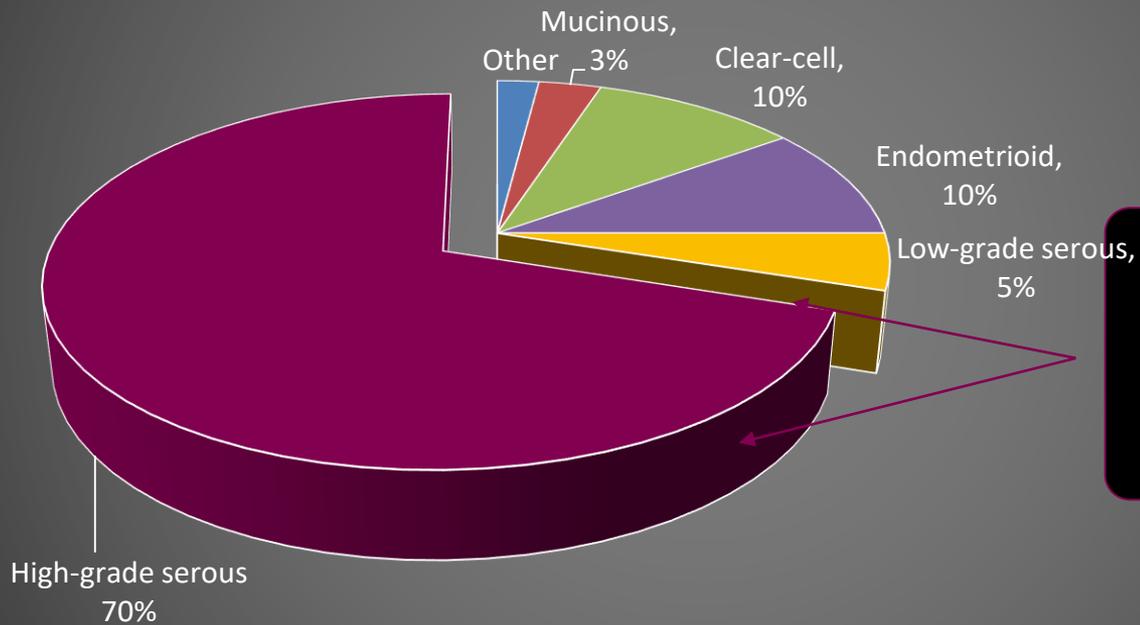


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- Frequency of ovarian cancer types



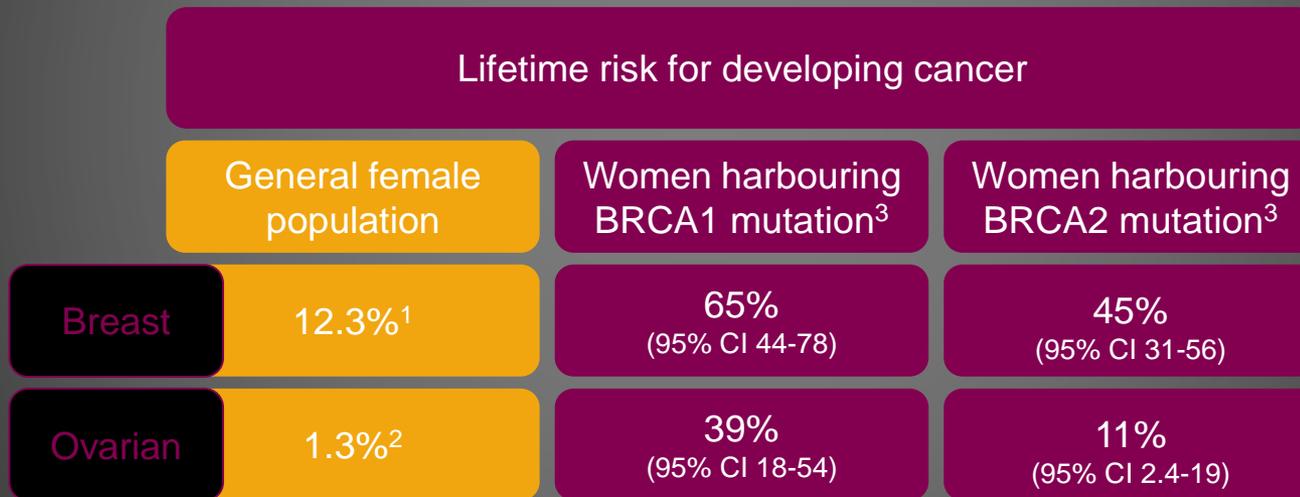
Serous ovarian cancers account for 75% of cases



- Increased cancer risk associated with *BRCA* mutations

Among the general female population, the lifetime risk for developing breast cancer is 12.3%¹, and for ovarian cancer 1.3%²

Lifetime risk for both cancers is substantially increased among women harbouring mutations in *BRCA1* or *BRCA2*³



- 1. SEER Stat Fact Sheets: Breast cancer. <http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/breast.html> 2. SEER Stat Fact Sheets: Ovary Cancer. <http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/ovary.html> 3. Balmaña J, et al. *Ann Oncol* 2011;22(Suppl. 6):vi31–vi34



- Germline and somatic *BRCA* mutations



Germline mutations¹

Mutations described as germline are replicated in every cell of the body. This reflects their origin in the DNA within germinal cells (eggs or sperm) and the resulting transmission to progeny at conception. Inherited (germline) *BRCA* mutations account for the majority of familial ovarian cancer.²



Somatic mutations³

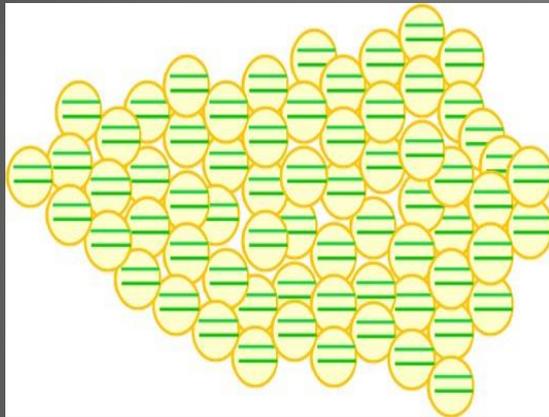
Somatic mutations can arise in any cell other than a germinal cell.

BRCA mutations described as somatic are those that occur in the *BRCA* genes within tumour cells. **Somatic mutations are non-heritable.**

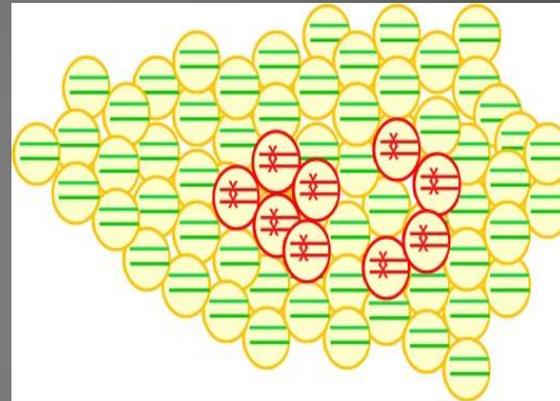
- The *BRCA* genes and *BRCA* mutations



- Tumour specific somatic mutation in women without germline *BRCA* mutation

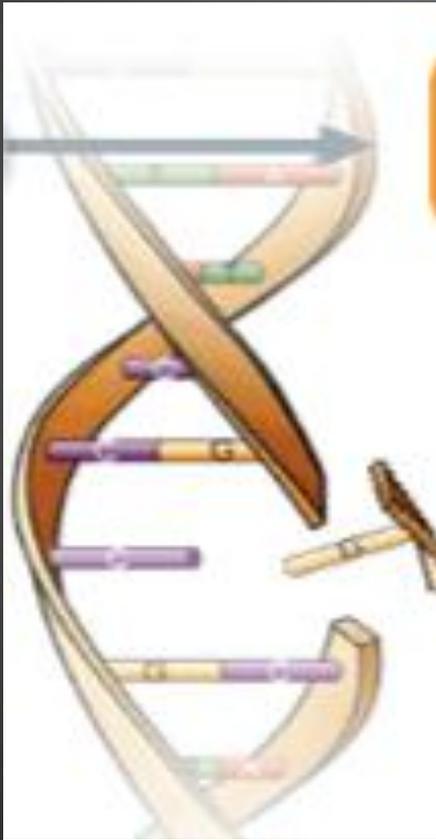


All body cells wild type



Mutation in tumor cells only

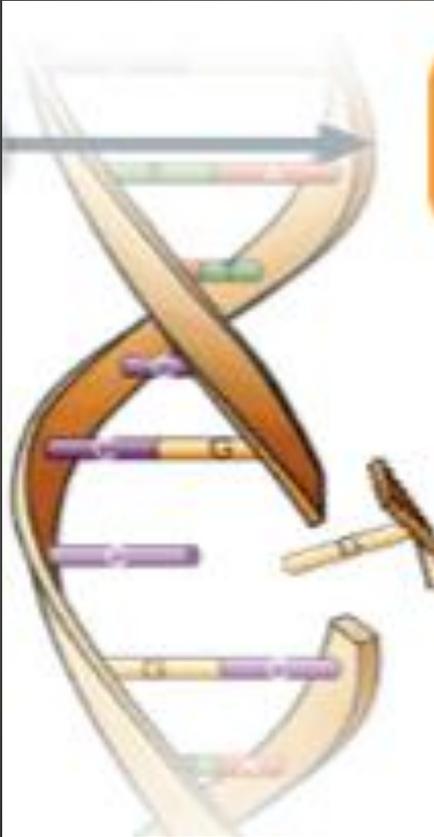
Normal BRCA in cell



BRCA-1
BRCA-2

Courtesy of Aladdin Maarraoui

What is PARP: In a normal cell?



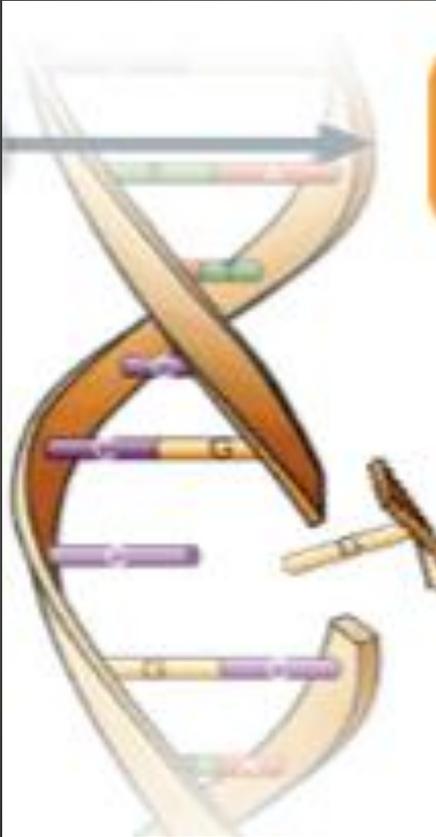
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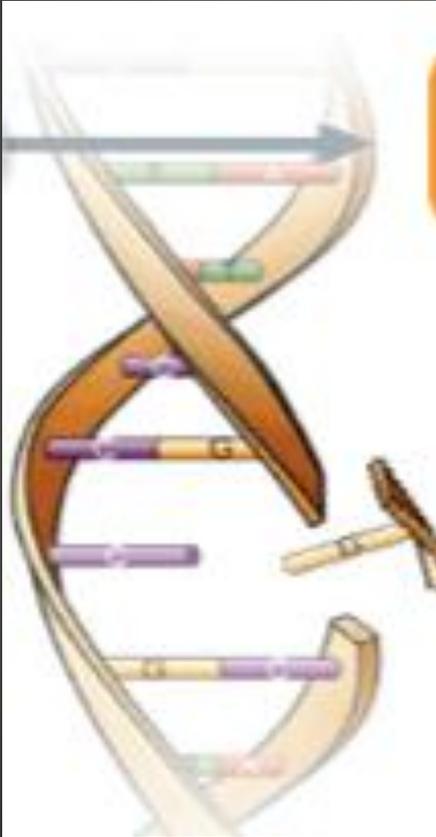
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In BRCA there is only 1 Repair Tool



PARP

In a BRCA cell, PARP Inhibitor will prevent DNA repair and leads to Apoptosis



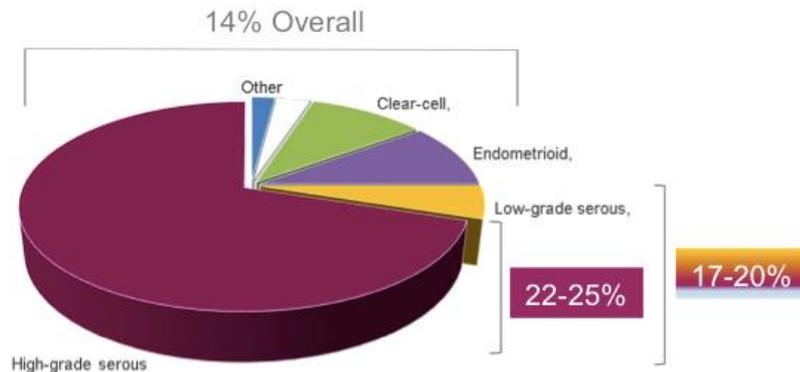
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The prevalence of germline *BRCA* mutations in women with ovarian cancer

- Germline *BRCA* mutations have been reported in 14% of women with non-mucinous ovarian cancer¹
- The prevalence of *BRCA* mutations was higher among women with serous ovarian cancer (17–20% overall and ~22–25% in high-grade serous ovarian cancer)^{1,2}



1. Alsop K, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2012;30:2654–63; 2. Schrader KA, et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 2012;120:235–40.

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however, a study has reported that over time, buccal epithelial cells are replaced by donor-derived cells in allogeneic HSCT recipients.^{48,49} Therefore, genetic testing using buccal swab samples may be limited given this known risk of donor DNA contamination.

The genetic testing strategy is greatly facilitated when a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant has already been identified in another family member. In that case, the genetic testing laboratory can limit the search for pathogenic or likely pathogenic variants in additional family members to the same location in the gene. In most cases, an individual testing negative for a known familial pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant predisposing to breast cancer can be followed with routine breast screening. Individuals who meet testing criteria but do not undergo gene testing should be followed as if a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant (ie, *BRCA1/2*, *PTEN*, or *TP53* pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant) is present, if they have a close family member who is a known carrier of the pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant.

For the majority of families in whom presence of a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant is unknown, it is best to consider testing an affected family member first, especially a family member with early-onset disease, bilateral disease, or multiple primaries, because that individual has the highest likelihood for a positive test result. Unless the affected individual is a member of an ethnic group for which particular founder pathogenic or likely pathogenic variants are known, comprehensive genetic testing (ie, full sequencing of the genes and detection of large gene rearrangements) should be performed by commercial or academic laboratories that are clinically approved or validated.

For individuals with family histories consistent with a pattern of hereditary breast and/or ovarian cancer on both the maternal and paternal sides, the possibility of a second pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant in the family

should be considered, and full sequencing may be indicated, even if a variant has already been identified in a relative.

In the situation of an unaffected individual with a significant family history, the testing of the unaffected individual (or of unaffected family members) should only be considered when no affected family member is available for testing. In such cases, the unaffected individual or unaffected close relative with the highest likelihood of testing positive for the pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant should be tested. A negative test result in such cases, however, is considered indeterminate (see Table 2) and does not provide the same level of information as when there is a known pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant in the family. Thus, one should be mindful that when testing unaffected individuals (in the absence of having tested affected family members), significant limitations may exist in interpreting the test results, and testing multiple family members may be indicated.

In the case of *BRCA*-related breast/ovarian cancer, if no family member with breast or ovarian cancer is living, consideration can be given to testing first- or second-degree family members affected with cancers thought to be related to the pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant in question (eg, prostate or pancreatic cancer). Importantly, the significant limitations of interpreting testing results for an unaffected individual should be discussed prior to testing.

Reports regarding germline findings that may impact medical management should come from laboratories that are certified by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA), with some U.S. states (eg, New York) having additional reporting requirements. Certain large genomic rearrangements are not detectable by a primary sequencing assay, thereby necessitating supplementary testing in some cases.⁵⁰⁻⁵³ For example, there are tests that detect rare, large cancer-associated rearrangements of DNA in the

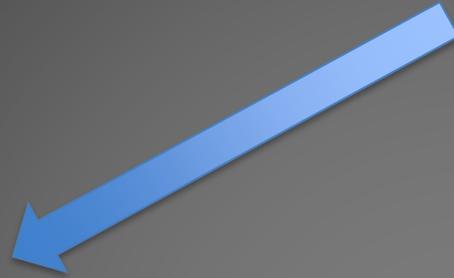
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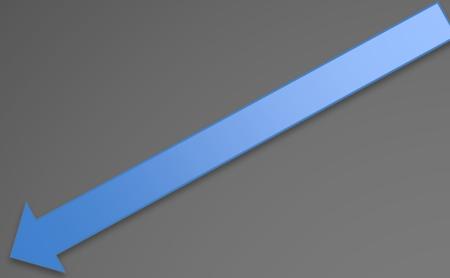
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- Some pharmaceutical companies are offering free testing.

Result comes as



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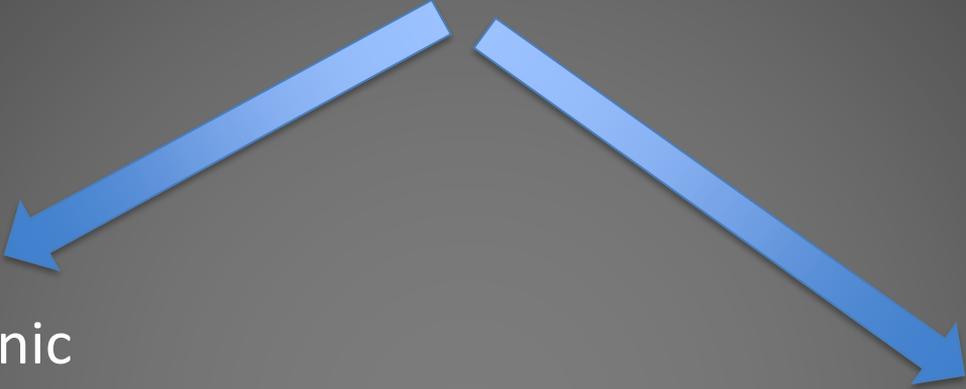
RESULT: POSITIVE

THE CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT VARIANT WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE GENE.

Note: "CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT," as defined in this report, is a genetic change that is associated with the potential to alter medical intervention.

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS: No Variant(s) of Uncertain Significance (VUS) identified

Result comes as



Pathogenic
Mutation

Negtive



PRINCIPLES OF CANCER RISK ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING

- Cancer risk assessment and genetic counseling is highly recommended when genetic testing is offered (ie, pre-test counseling) and after results are disclosed (ie, post-test counseling).¹⁻⁵ A genetic counselor, medical geneticist, oncologist, surgeon, oncology nurse, or other health professional with expertise and experience in cancer genetics should be involved early in the counseling of patients.

• Pre-test counseling includes:

- ▶ Collection of a comprehensive family history
 - ◊ Note that when assessing family history, close blood relatives include first-, second-, and third-degree relatives on each side of the family ([See BR/OV-B](#))
- ▶ Evaluation of a patient's cancer risk
- ▶ Generating a differential diagnosis and educating the patient on inheritance patterns, penetrance, variable expressivity, and the possibility of genetic heterogeneity
- ▶ Preparing the patient for possible outcomes of testing including positive (pathogenic, likely pathogenic), negative, and uncertain findings and obtaining informed consent

• Post-test counseling includes discussions of:

- ▶ Results along with their significance and impact and recommended medical management options
- ▶ Interpretation of results in context of personal and family history of cancer
- ▶ Informing and testing at-risk family members
- ▶ Available resources such as disease-specific support groups and research studies

Genetic Testing Considerations

- Testing should be considered in appropriate high-risk individuals where it will impact the medical management of the tested individuals and/or their at-risk family members. It should be performed in a setting in which it can be adequately interpreted.¹
- The probability of pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant detection associated with these criteria will vary based on family structure. Individuals with unknown or limited family history/structure, such as fewer than 2 female first- or second-degree relatives having lived beyond age 45 in either lineage, may have an underestimated probability of familial pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant detection. The estimated likelihood of pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant detection may be very low in families with a large number of unaffected female relatives.
- Patients who have received an allogeneic bone marrow transplant should not have molecular genetic testing via blood or buccal samples due to unreliable test results from contamination by donor DNA until other technologies are available. If available, DNA should be extracted from a fibroblast culture. If this source of DNA is not possible, buccal samples can be considered, subject to the risk of donor DNA contamination.
- **Comprehensive genetic testing includes full sequencing and testing for large genomic rearrangements.** It is encouraged that testing be done in commercial or academic labs that are clinically approved and validated. [See BR/OV-A 3 of 3.](#)
- In children <18 y, genetic testing is generally not recommended when results would not impact medical management.⁶
- Likely pathogenic variants are often treated similarly to pathogenic variants.

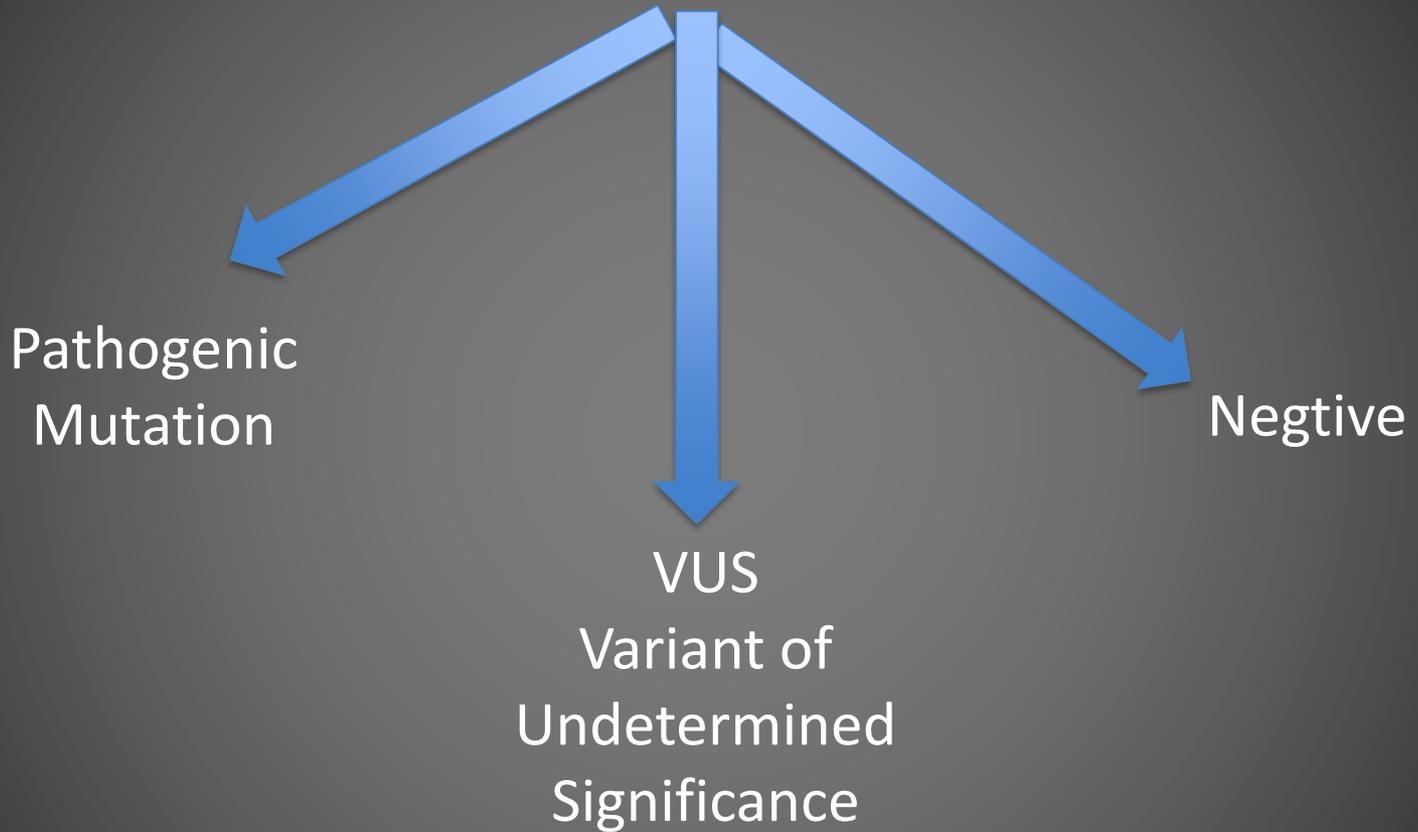
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Result comes as



Novel versus VUS?

c.1608 deletion in BRCA-1

- In exon 10 of the BRCA1 gene. This variant was not previously described by the Exome Sequencing Project and has not been yet reported in the UMD database.

UMD

The Universal Mutation Database

The gene

BRCA Share™ (formerly UMD-BRCA1 mutations database)

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Last update 21/04/15

BRCA Share was launched on April 21st 2015

- BRCA Share is a novel gene data share initiative that provides scientists and commercial laboratory organizations around the world with open access to BRCA1 and BRCA2 genetic data. The program's goal is to accelerate research on BRCA gene mutations, particularly variants of uncertain significance, to improve the ability of clinical laboratory diagnostics to predict which individuals are at risk of developing these cancers.

TCT	GAT	GAC	CCT	GAA	TCT	GAT	CCT	TCT	GAA	GAC	AGA
<i>Ser</i>	<i>Asp</i>	<i>Asp</i>	<i>Pro</i>	<i>Glu</i>	<i>Ser</i>	<i>Asp</i>	<i>Pro</i>	<i>Ser</i>	<i>Glu</i>	<i>Asp</i>	<i>Arg</i>
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<i>Val</i>	<i>Pro</i>	<i>Gln</i>	<i>Leu</i>	<i>Lys</i>	<i>Val</i>	<i>Ala</i>	<i>Glu</i>	<i>Ser</i>	<i>Ala</i>	<i>Gln</i>	<i>Ser</i>
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<i>Val</i>	<i>Ser</i>	<i>Arg</i>	<i>Glu</i>	<i>Lys</i>	<i>Pro</i>	<i>Glu</i>	<i>Leu</i>	<i>Thr</i>	<i>Ala</i>	<i>Ser</i>	<i>Thr</i>
1632	1633	1634	1635	1636	1637	1638	1639	1640	1641	1642	1643
TTT	ATG	CTC	GTG	TAC	AAG	TTT	GCC	AGA	AAA	CAC	CAC
<i>Phe</i>	<i>Met</i>	<i>Leu</i>	<i>Val</i>	<i>Tyr</i>	<i>Lys</i>	<i>Phe</i>	<i>Ala</i>	<i>Arg</i>	<i>Lys</i>	<i>His</i>	<i>His</i>
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GTT	GCA	GAA
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1607	1608	1609



GTT	GAA
<i>Val</i>	<i>Glu</i>
1607	1609

Patient DNA

GTT	GAA
Val	Glut
1607	1609

GTT	GCA	GAA
Val	Ala	Glut
1607	1608	1609

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The common question: Am I Eligible for BRCA testing?



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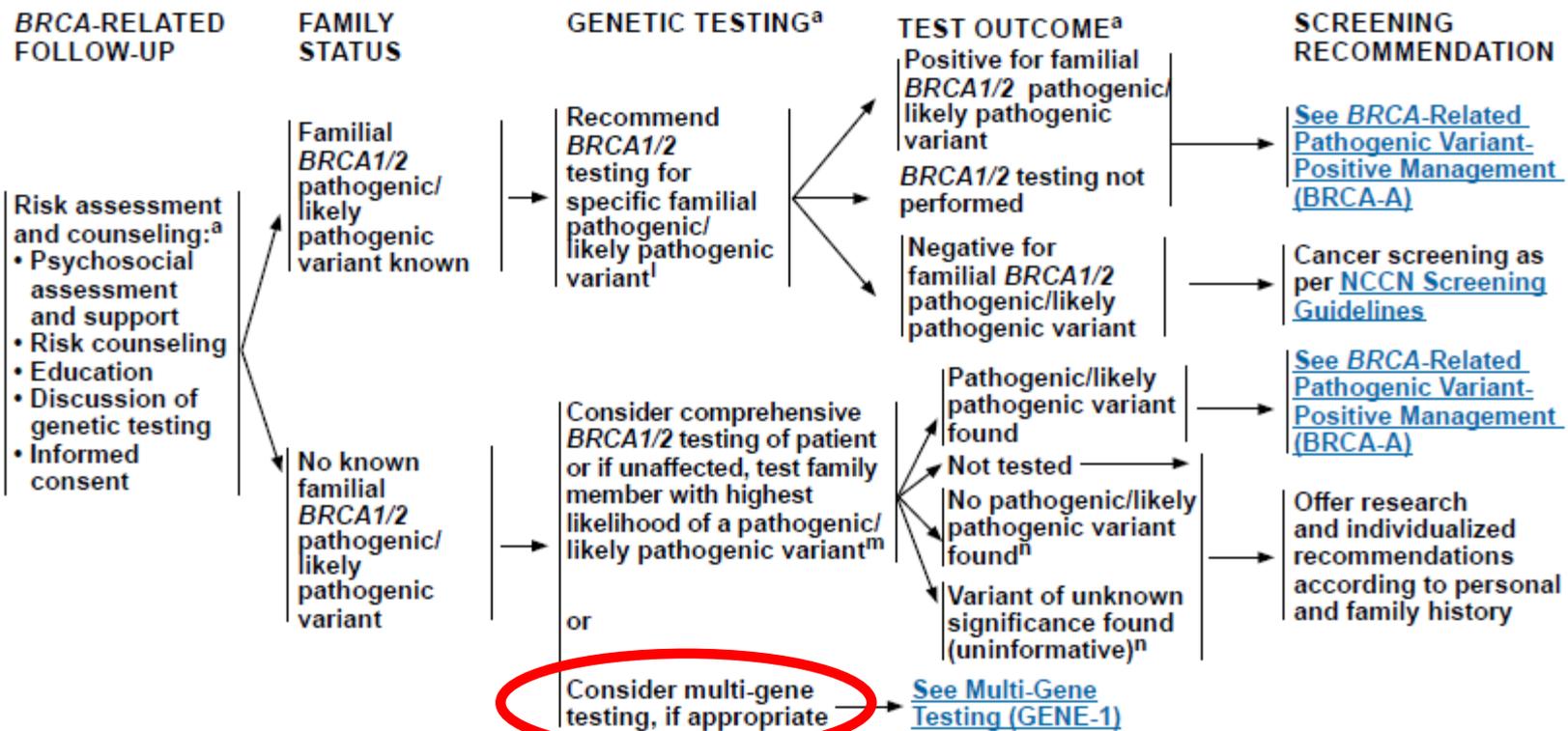
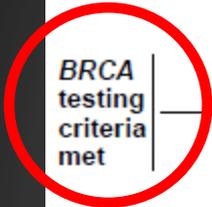
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^aFor further details regarding the nuances of genetic counseling and testing, see BR/OV-A.

^lIf of Ashkenazi Jewish descent, in addition to the specific familial pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant, test for all three founder pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants. Additional testing may be indicated if there is also a significant family history of cancer on the side of the family without the known pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant.

^mFor both affected and unaffected individuals of Ashkenazi Jewish descent with no known familial pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant, first test for the three common pathogenic variants. Then, if negative for the three pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants and ancestry also includes non-Ashkenazi Jewish relatives or other BRCA-related criteria are met, consider comprehensive genetic testing. For both affected and unaffected individuals who are non-Ashkenazi Jewish and who have no known familial pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants, comprehensive genetic testing is the approach, if done.

ⁿIf no pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant is found, consider testing another family member with next highest likelihood of having a pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant and/or other hereditary breast/ovarian cancer syndromes such as Li-Fraumeni (LIFR-1) and/or Cowden syndrome (COWD-1) or multi-gene testing (GENE-1). For additional information on other genetic pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants associated with breast/ovarian cancer risk for which genetic testing is clinically available, see GENE-2.

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BRCA1/BRCA2 and Other Genes are recommended



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BREAST AND OVARIAN MANAGEMENT BASED ON GENETIC TEST RESULTS^{a-e}

The inclusion of a gene in this table below does not imply the endorsement either for or against multi-gene testing for moderate-penetrance genes.

Gene	Breast Cancer Risk and Management	Ovarian Cancer Risk and Management	Other Cancer Risks and Management
<i>ATM</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening: Annual mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis and consider breast MRI with contrast starting at age 40 y^{f,g} RRM: Evidence insufficient, manage based on family history <p>Comments: Insufficient evidence to recommend against radiation therapy. Counsel for risk of autosomal recessive condition in offspring.</p>	<p>Potential increase in ovarian cancer risk, with insufficient evidence for recommendation of RRSO</p>	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence for pancreas or prostate cancer</p>
<i>BARD1</i>	<p>Potential increase in breast cancer risk, with insufficient evidence for management recommendations</p>	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence for ovarian cancer risk</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<i>BRCA1</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See BRCA Pathogenic Variant-Positive Management 	<p>Increased risk of ovarian cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See BRCA Pathogenic Variant-Positive Management 	<p>Prostate cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See BRCA Pathogenic Variant-Positive Management
<i>BRCA2</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See BRCA Pathogenic Variant-Positive Management 	<p>Increased risk of ovarian cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See BRCA Pathogenic Variant-Positive Management 	<p>Pancreas, Prostate, Melanoma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See BRCA Pathogenic Variant-Positive Management
<i>BRIP1</i>	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence</p> <p>Comments: Counsel for risk of autosomal recessive condition in offspring. Carriers of pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants in <i>BRIP1</i> appears to be sufficient to justify consideration as to the optimal age for this procedure. Based on available studies, the lifetime risk of ovarian cancer in carriers of pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants in <i>BRIP1</i> appears to be sufficient to justify consideration of risk-reducing salpingo-oophorectomy. The current evidence is insufficient to make a firm recommendation about surgery should be held around age 45–50 or earlier based on a specific family history of an earlier onset ovarian cancer.</p>	<p>Increased risk of ovarian cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider RRSO at 45–50 y 	<p>N/A</p>
<i>CDH1</i>	<p>Increased risk of lobular breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening: Annual mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis and consider breast MRI with contrast starting at age 30 y^{f,g} RRM: Evidence insufficient, manage based on family history 	<p>No increased risk of ovarian cancer</p>	<p>Diffuse gastric cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See NCCN Guidelines for Gastric Cancer: Principles of Genetic Risk Assessment for Gastric Cancer

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BREAST AND OVARIAN MANAGEMENT BASED ON GENETIC TEST RESULTS^{a-d}

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Gene	Breast Cancer Risk and Management	Ovarian Cancer Risk and Management	Other Cancer Risks and Management
<i>CHEK2</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening: Annual mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis and consider breast MRI with contrast age 40 y^{f,g} RRM: Evidence insufficient, manage based on family history <p>Comments: Risk data are based only on frameshift pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants. The risks for most missense variants are unclear but for some pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants, such as Ile157Thr, the risk for breast cancer appears to be lower. Management should be based on best estimates of cancer risk for the specific pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant.</p>	<p>No increased risk of ovarian cancer</p>	<p>Colon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal
<i>MSH2, MLH1, MSH6, PMS2, EPCAM</i>	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence for breast cancer risk^g</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage based on family history 	<p>Increased risk of ovarian cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal 	<p>Colon, Uterine, Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal
<i>NBN</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening: Annual mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis and consider breast MRI with contrast age 40 y^{f,g} RRM: Evidence insufficient, manage based on family history <p>Comments: Management recommendations are based on data derived from the 857del5 Slavic truncating pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant. Although risks for other pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants have not been established it is prudent to manage patients with other truncating pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants similarly to those with 857del5. Counsel for risk of autosomal recessive condition in children.</p>	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence for ovarian cancer risk</p>	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence</p>
<i>NF1</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening: Annual mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis starting at age 30 y and consider breast MRI with contrast from ages 30–50 y^{f,g} RRM: Evidence insufficient, manage based on family history <p>Comments: At this time, there are no data to suggest an increased breast cancer risk after age 50 y. Screening recommendations only apply to individuals with a clinical diagnosis of NF. Consider possibility of false-positive MRI results due to presence of breast neurofibromas.</p>	<p>No increased risk of ovarian cancer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors, GIST, others Recommend referral to <i>NF1</i> specialist for evaluation and management

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Gene	Breast Cancer Risk and Management	Ovarian Cancer Risk and Management	Other Cancer Risks and Management
<i>PALB2</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening: Annual mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis and breast MRI with contrast at 30 y¹⁹ RRM: Evidence insufficient, manage based on family history 	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence for ovarian cancer risk</p>	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence</p>
	Comments: Counsel for risk of autosomal recessive condition in offspring.		
<i>PTEN</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Cowden Syndrome Management 	<p>No increased risk of ovarian cancer</p>	<p>See Cowden Syndrome Management</p>
<i>RAD51C</i>	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence for breast cancer risk</p>	<p>Increased risk of ovarian cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider RRSO at 45–50 y 	<p>N/A</p>
	Comments: Counsel for risk of autosomal recessive condition in offspring. Based on estimates from available studies, the lifetime risk of ovarian cancer in carriers of pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants in <i>RAD51C</i> appears to be sufficient to justify consideration of RRSO. The current evidence is insufficient to make a firm recommendation as to the optimal age for this procedure. Based on the current, limited evidence base, a discussion about surgery should be held around age 45–50 y or earlier based on a specific family history of an earlier onset ovarian cancer.		
<i>RAD51D</i>	<p>Unknown or insufficient evidence for breast cancer risk</p>	<p>Increased risk of ovarian cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider RRSO at 45–50 y 	<p>N/A</p>
	Comments: Based on estimates from available studies, the lifetime risk of ovarian cancer in carriers of pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants in <i>RAD51D</i> appears to be sufficient to justify consideration of RRSO. The current evidence is insufficient to make a firm recommendation as to the optimal age for this procedure. Based on the current, limited evidence base, a discussion about surgery should be held around age 45–50 y or earlier based on a specific family history of an earlier onset ovarian cancer.		
<i>STK11</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening: See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal RRM: Evidence insufficient, manage based on family history 	<p>Increased risk of non-epithelial ovarian cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal 	<p>See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal</p>
<i>TP53</i>	<p>Increased risk of breast cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Management 	<p>No increased risk of ovarian cancer</p>	<p>See Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Management</p>

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BRCA PATHOGENIC/LIKELY PATHOGENIC
VARIANT-POSITIVE MANAGEMENT

WOMEN

- Breast awareness¹ starting at age 18 y.
- Clinical breast exam, every 6–12 mo,² starting at age 25 y.
- Breast screening^{3,4}
 - ▶ Age 25–29 y, annual breast MRI⁵ screening with contrast⁶ (or mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis, only if MRI is unavailable) or individualized based on family history if a breast cancer diagnosis before age 30 is present.
 - ▶ Age 30–75 y, annual mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis and breast MRI⁵ screening with contrast.
 - ▶ Age >75 y, management should be considered on an individual basis.
 - ▶ For women with a *BRCA* pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant who are treated for breast cancer and have not had a bilateral mastectomy, screening with annual mammogram and breast MRI should continue as described above.
- Discuss option of risk-reducing mastectomy
 - ▶ Counseling should include a discussion regarding degree of protection, reconstruction options, and risks. In addition, the family history and residual breast cancer risk with age and life expectancy should be considered during counseling.
- Recommend risk-reducing salpingo-oophorectomy (RRSO), typically between 35 and 40 y, and upon completion of child bearing. Because ovarian cancer onset in patients with *BRCA2* pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants is an average of 8–10 years later than in patients with *BRCA1* pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants, it is reasonable to delay RRSO for management of ovarian cancer risk until age 40–45 y in patients with *BRCA2* pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants unless age at diagnosis in the family warrants earlier age for consideration of prophylactic surgery. See Risk-Reducing Salpingo-Oophorectomy (RRSO) Protocol in [NCCN Guidelines for Ovarian Cancer - Principles of Surgery](#).
 - ▶ Counseling includes a discussion of reproductive desires, extent of cancer risk, degree of protection for breast and ovarian cancer, management of menopausal symptoms, possible short-term hormone replacement therapy, and related medical issues.
 - ▶ Salpingectomy alone is not the standard of care for risk reduction, although clinical trials of interval salpingectomy and delayed oophorectomy are ongoing. The concern for risk-reducing salpingectomy alone is that women are still at risk for developing ovarian cancer. In addition, in premenopausal women, oophorectomy likely reduces the risk of developing breast cancer but the magnitude is uncertain and may be gene-specific.
- Limited data suggest that there may be a slightly increased risk of serous uterine cancer among women with a *BRCA1* pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant. The clinical significance of these findings is unclear. Further evaluation of the risk of serous uterine cancer in the *BRCA* population needs to be undertaken. The provider and patient should discuss the risks and benefits of concurrent hysterectomy at the time of RRSO for women with a *BRCA1* pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant prior to surgery.
- Address psychosocial, social, and quality-of-life aspects of undergoing risk-reducing mastectomy and/or salpingo-oophorectomy.
- For those patients who have not elected RRSO, transvaginal ultrasound combined with serum CA-125 for ovarian cancer screening, although of uncertain benefit, may be considered at the clinician's discretion starting at age 30–35 y.
- Consider risk reduction agents as options for breast and ovarian cancer, including discussing risks and benefits ([See Discussion](#) for details). ([See NCCN Guidelines for Breast Cancer Risk Reduction](#)).
- Consider investigational imaging and screening studies, when available (eg, novel imaging technologies, more frequent screening intervals) in the context of a clinical trial.

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