Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Tools for the GP

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10 STEPS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CANCER



"To identify a women as a carrier only after she develops cancer is a failure of cancer prevention"

Most women develop breast cancer with no family history and <u>only 5-10%</u> of breast cancers are hereditary cancers

Identification of women at high-risk is important for the effective <u>preventative</u> strategy as Breast cancer risk affects families differently

We aim to bring a different level of care to high risk women

- Risk assessment tools
- Risk Category and screening guidelines
- Genetic testing
- Alternative to surgery
- Breast cancer risk and HRT



Over the years

1866

Pierre Paul Broca describes familial breast cancer in his book Traité des Turneurs. 1970s
Modern
epidemiological
studies demonstrate
that breast and
ovarian cancer risk
is increased in
women with a
first-degree relative
affected by the
disease

1926

Janet Lane-Claypon publishes A Further Report on Cancer of the Breast, With Special Reference to its Associated Antecedent Conditions. 1974

Mary-Claire begins her hu the genet underprining breast care



Genome Project

is reported.

sequence is completed.

1996

Myriad Genetics begins offering the first commercial diagnostic test for BRCA1/2 mutations.

2013

The US Supreme Court rules that naturally occurring genes may not be patented.

1998

are patented by Myriad Genetics.

Present day

Patients are screened for a hereditary predisposition to cancer using mutigene panels and NextGen DNA sequencing technologies.

Multiple risk models exist and they differ based on the risk factors included.

Tyrer-Cuzick

Personal Characteristics

Up to age 85
Body mass index
Ashkenazi Jewish heritage
Breast density

Family History

Breast and Ovarian Cancer
First, second-degree
relatives
Age of onset
Bilateral breast cancer

Reproductive History

Age at menarche
Age at first live birth
Age at menopause
Use of hormone
replacement therapy

Personal Medical History

Atypical ductal hyperplasia Lobular carcinoma in situ Ovarian cancer

Genetic Testing

BRCA1, BRCA2
Personal testing
First, second-degree
relatives

Gail

Personal Characteristics

Age 35 - 85 Race/Ethnicity

Family History

Breast Cancer First-degree relatives

Reproductive History

Age at menarche Age at first live birth

Breast Disease

Breast biopsies
Atypical ductal hyperplasia

*Gail model can estimate risk for women without a BRCA1/BRCA2 mutation and no prior history of breast cancer, or ductal or lobular carcinoma in situ

BRCAPRO

Personal Characteristics

No age restriction Ashkenazi Jewish heritage

Family History

Breast and Ovarian Cancer
First, second-degree
relatives
Age of onset
Bilateral breast cancer
Male breast cancer

Claus

Personal Characteristics

Age 20 - 79

Family History

Breast Cancer
First, second-degree
relatives
Age of onset

Risk Factor

Age at First Occurrence of Menstruation

Number of Children

Age of First Live Birth

Oral Contraception Usage

Hormone Replacement Therapy

Body Mass Index

Alcohol Intake (grams/day)

Age of Menopause

Mammographic Density

Height (cm)

Breast Cancer Risk calculating models

Gail model	Claus model	BRCAPRO model	Tyrer–Cuzick model	BOADICEA model
 Age of the person Age at menarche Age at first live birth Breast biopsies (AH) Family history First-degree relatives 	Age of the person Age at menarche Age at first live birth Family history First-degree relatives Second-degree relatives	Age of the person Family history First-degree relatives Second-degree relatives Third-degree relatives Age at onset of breast cancer Bilateral breast cancer Ovarian cancer Male breast cancer	Age of the person Body mass index Age at menarche Age at first live birth Age at menopause Hormone replacement therapy use Breast biopsies (ADH, LCIS) Family history First-degree relatives Second-degree relatives Age at onset of breast cancer Bilateral breast cancer Ovarian cancer	Age of the person Family history First-degree relatives Second-degree relatives Third-degree relatives Age at onset of breast cancer Bilateral breast cancer Ovarian cancer Male breast cancer

AH, atypical hyperplasia; LCIS, lobular carcinoma in situ; BOADICEA, breast and ovarian analysis of disease incidence and carrier estimation algorithm.





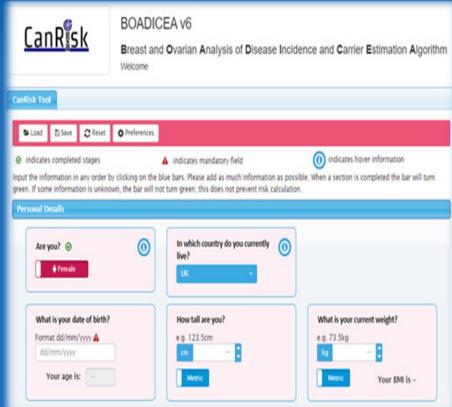
Hereditary Cancer Model of Care

HSE National Cancer Control Programme

April 2023



NCCP Breast Cancer Family Risk Assessment Group Family History GP Referral Guideline



Risk Category and Screening Recommendation

Population Risk <17% Moderate Risk ≥17% - <30% High Risk ≥30% - <40% Very High Risk ≥40%

NHS breast screening programme:
3 yearly mammograms 50-70
Health and lifestyle information
Communication on future changes in risk

Moderate risk screening: Annual mammograms 40-49, then 3 yearly 50-70 Consider if family meets National Genomic Test Directory criteria for testing Health and lifestyle information Communication on future changes in risk Consider chemoprevention

High risk screening: Annual mammograms
40-59, then 3 yearly 60-70
Consider if family meets National
Genomic Test Directory criteria for testing
Health and lifestyle information
Communication on future changes in risk
Discuss risk management options
including chemoprevention

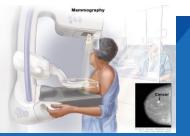
Very high risk screening:
Annual breast MRI 30-50,
annual mammogram 40-70
Refer or ensure gene carriers
under Clinical Genetics
Discuss risk management
options
Refer to Very High Risk
Screening Service (VHRS)

GP/COMMUNITY

BREAST UNITS

SECONDARY CARE
CLINICAL GENETICS

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NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

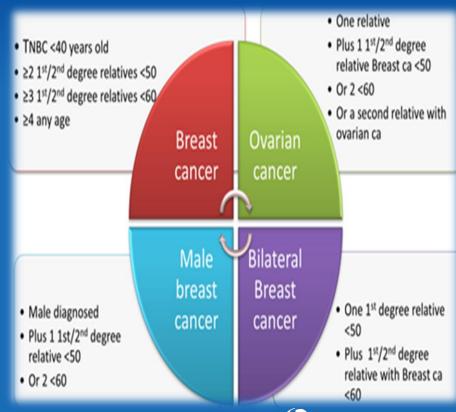
Improving health and social care through evidence-based guidance

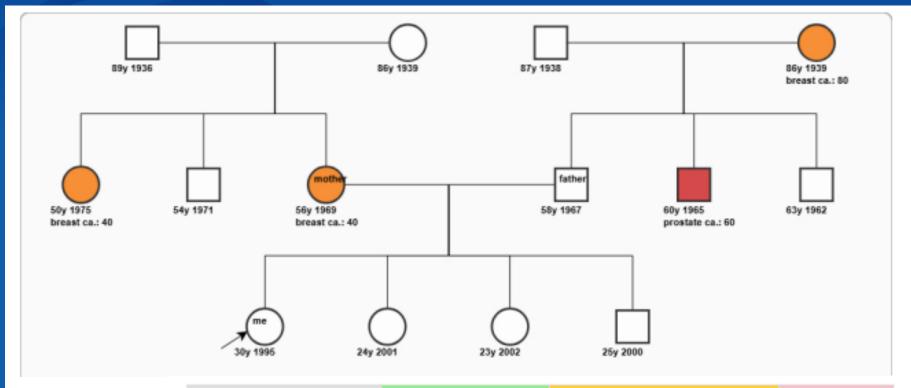




THE RISK GROUP REQUIRED REFERRAL

- Every women can be referred for assessment
- People without a personal history of breast cancer can be cared for in primary care provided that none of the following are present in the family history:
 - bilateral breast cancer
 - 2. male breast cancer
 - 3. ovarian cancer
 - 4. Jewish ancestry
 - 5. sarcoma in a relative younger than age 45 years
 - 6. glioma or childhood adrenal cortical carcinomas
 - 7. complicated patterns of multiple cancers at a young age





Cancer	Colour
Breast	
Contralateral breast	
Ovarian	
Prostate	
Pancreatic	

	Near population risk (a)	Moderate risk (b)	High risk (c)
Risk between ages 20 and 80	Less than 17%	17% or greater but less than 30%	30% or greater
Risk between ages 40 and 50	Less than 3%	3% or greater to 8%	Greater than 8%

Breast Cancer Susceptibility

Gene

BRCA1

BRCA2

PALB2

ATM

CHEK2

BARD1

RAD51C

RAD51D

Low Penetrance Genes Moderate Penetrance Genes

High Penetrance Genes

Genes

Penetrance

Gene

FGFR2 LSP1 MAP3K1 TGF-81 TOX3 RECQL MUTYH MSH6 NF1 NBN

CHEK2
BRIP1
ATM
PALB2

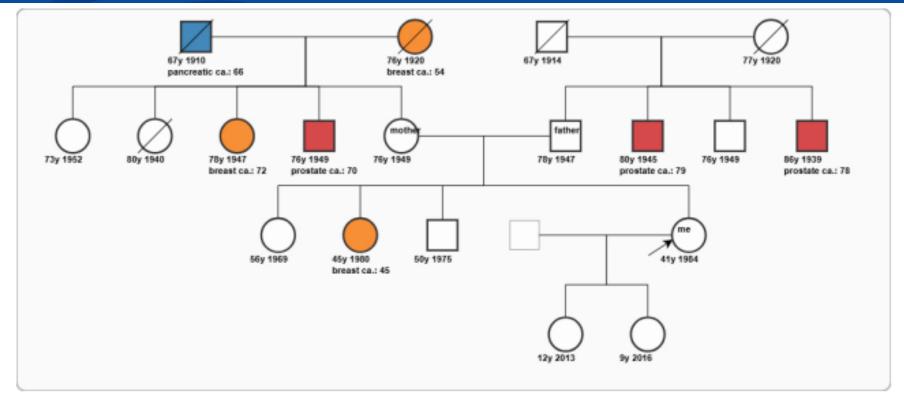
BRCA2
PTEN
CDH1
STK11
TP53

BRCA1

Beacon Hospital

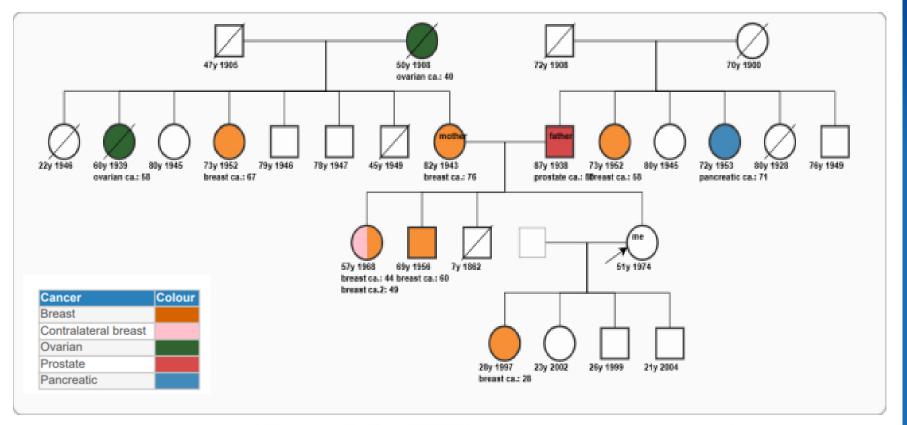
Genetic Mutations of Potential Relevance in Breast Cancer (BC) Development^{4,5}

Affected Gene	Associated Risk & Syndromes	
BRCA1 and BRCA2	7 in 10 chance for BC	
ATM	High BC risk, ataxia-telangiectasia	
TP53	Rare BC cause; Li-Fraumeni syndrome	
СНЕК2	2-fold risk increase for BC	
PTEN	Increased BC risk; Cowden syndrome	
CDH1	Invasive lobular BC; Hereditary diffuse gastric cancer	
STK11	Increased BC risk; Peutz-Jeghers syndrome	
PALB2	Increased risk of BC	



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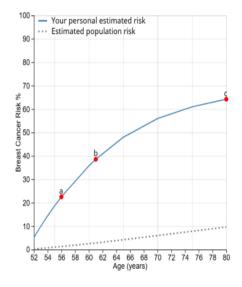
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CanRisk Report: bbcfamilyhistory



Your Breast Cancer Risks Compared to the Rest of the Population

The graph represents your risk of developing breast cancer between now and the age of 80 years compared to the population. In other words, the graph shows your personal risk of developing breast cancer compared to the average risk of women in the population.



Graph key:

Label	Your estimated breast cancer risk
a	Next 5 year risk is 22.5%
b	Next 10 year risk is 38.6%
	Risk between now and the age of 80 is 64.3%

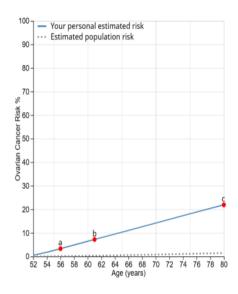
Below is an alternative way of visualising your risk of developing breast cancer between now and the age of 80 years compared to the average population risk.

Your risk: 64.3% Population risk: 9.7%



Your Ovarian Cancer Risks Compared to the Rest of the Population

The graph represents your risk of developing ovarian cancer between now and the age of 80 years compared to the population. In other words, the graph shows your personal risk of developing ovarian cancer compared to the average risk of women in the population.



Graph key:

Label	Your estimated ovarian cancer risk
а	Next 5 year risk is 3.3%
b	Next 10 year risk is 7.2%
	Risk between now and the age of 80 is 21.9%

CanRisk Report: bbcfamilyhistory

Below is an alternative way of visualising your risk of developing ovarian cancer between now and the age of 80 years compared to the average population risk.

Your risk: 21.9% Population risk: 1.5%

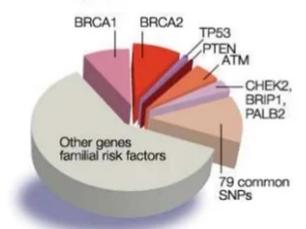




Genetics of breast cancer

- ➤ BRCA1
- ➤ BRCA2
- ➤ TP53
- > PTEN
- ➤ PALB2
- ➤ STK11
- CDH1
- ➤ ATM
- ➤ CHEK2

Contribution of known genes to familial aggregation of breast cancer



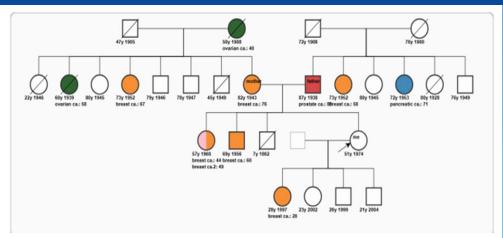


BRCA1

BRCA2

- 60%-72% risk of developing breast cancer
- Up to 1.2% of male breast cancer
- Associated with 39%-58% of ovarian cancer
- Also associated with pancreatic and prostate cancer risk

- 55%-69% risk of developing breast cancer
- Up to **7.1%** of male breast cancer
- Associated with 13%-29% of ovarian cancer
- Also associated with pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, and melanoma risk



Gene	Pathogenic Variant Carrier Probability
BRCA1	64.34%
BRCA2	18.85%
BRCA1 or BRCA2	83.19%
PALB2	1.54%
CHEK2	0.34%
ATM	0.12%
BARD1	0.03%
RAD51D	0.03%
RAD51C	0.02%
BRIP1	0.02%





Risk reduction modality

Less Cancer, Less treatment, Less death

- Risk reducing Surgery
 Personal preferences, timing
- Alternative to surgery
 Intensive screening
 Chemoprevention / Medication
 Modifiable lifestyle choices (Smoking, Weight, Alcohol, Exercise, Diet)
- Life expectancy vs quality of life



Chemoprevention and cancer risk reduction

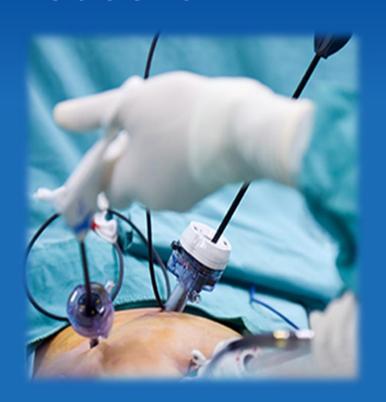
- Age and general health
- Less effective than surgery
- Personal Choice / LCIS
- Tamoxifen / AI (Examestane/ anastrazole)
- To reduce the risk of ER positive invasive breast cancer
- It is not recommended in Male BRCA carrier
- Tamoxifen reduce risk in BRCA 2 but not BRCA1 carriers
- Risk reduction benefit continues for at least 10 y





BSO and cancer risk reduction

- Completed childbearing
- Gynecological oncologist
- Decrease risk of ovarian cancer and mortality if <50
- Earlier in BRCA 1
- Menopause / HRT
- Bone disease
- ? Hysterectomy (benefit vs surgery risk)
- Salpingectomy alone (Ovarian and breast reduction risk)



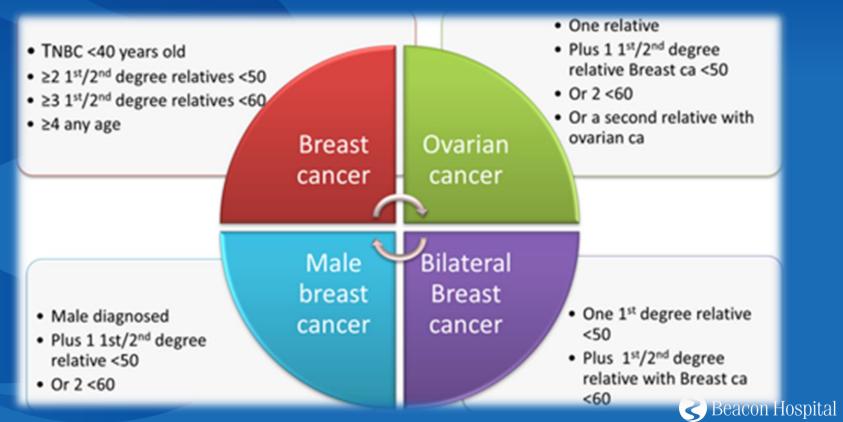






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HRT – understanding the risks of breast cancer

A comparison of lifestyle risk factors versus Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) treatment.

Difference in *breast cancer incidence per 1,000 women aged 50-59.* Approximate number of women developing breast cancer over the next five years.

Baseline

An additional....

Reduction

23

cases of breast cancer diagnosed per 1,000 of the UK general population over the next 5 years



24 cases in women who are overweight or obese (BMI equal or greater than

30)

- 5 cases in women who drink 2 or more units of alcohol per day
- 4 cases in women on combined HRT
- 3 cases in women who are current smokers

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fewer cases in women who take at least 2½ hours moderate exercise per week

4 ****
fewer cases in women on

oestrogen only Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT)

Beacon Breast Centre Patient Focused Service

New Referrals-

Breast cancer risk assessment Breast awareness, life style advise Medium and high risk pathway

Existing high risk patientreassess regard risk

reassess regard risk imaging need/ genetic testing risk reducing life style education chemoprevention/ RR surgery

Confirmed Mutation patientregular clinical reviews

regular clinical reviews imaging surveillance, RR surgery,
Other cancer screening

High risk cohort other than FHx chest wall radiotherapy



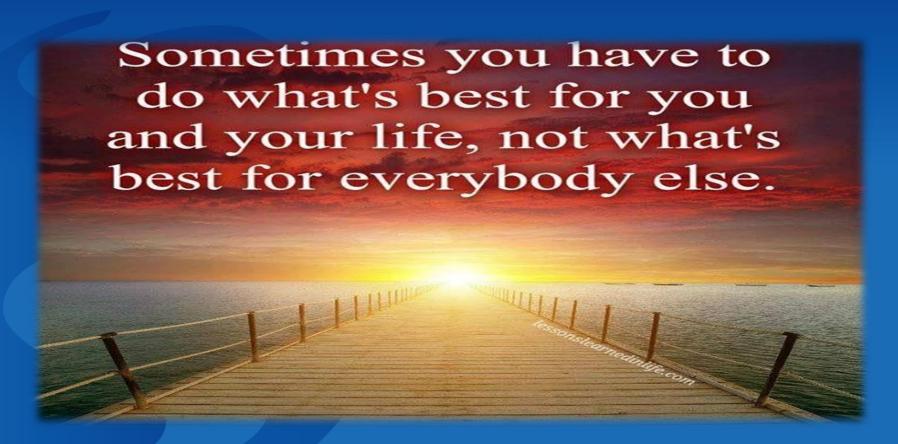






5-10% of breast cancer \sim 60% are high-risk group





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Thank you

