

Test for Genetic Risk for Cancers

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Have your family members been diagnosed with cancer? Genetic testing can help assess your risk for inherited mutations. Guidelines by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) explain how patients can access these tests and why they should do so. Go to [NCCN.org/patients](https://www.nccn.org/patients) to read and download Genetic Testing for Hereditary Breast, Ovarian, Pancreatic, and Prostate Cancers.

“After our mother and aunt were both diagnosed with breast cancer, my sister and I sought genetic testing that revealed that all of us except my sister carried the BRCA2 mutation,” says Denise Portner, a breast cancer survivor and member of the NCCN Foundation board of directors, in a press statement. “Had I not known my genetic status, I would not have had the MRI screening that caught my breast cancer as early as it did. Genetic testing is a vital tool in enabling individuals to be proactive in their health care to achieve the best possible outcomes.”

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