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Screening and prevention strategies for BRCA mutation carriers

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Mrs. W is a 40 year old patient from South Africa whose mother had high grade ER- **breast cancer at 42 years.**

Because of this, she began annual mammographic screening in her 30's. More recently, however, she finds out her mother's youngest sister, her **maternal aunt, was diagnosed with stage III ovarian cancer at 53.** She asks if she should undergo ovarian cancer screening as well?

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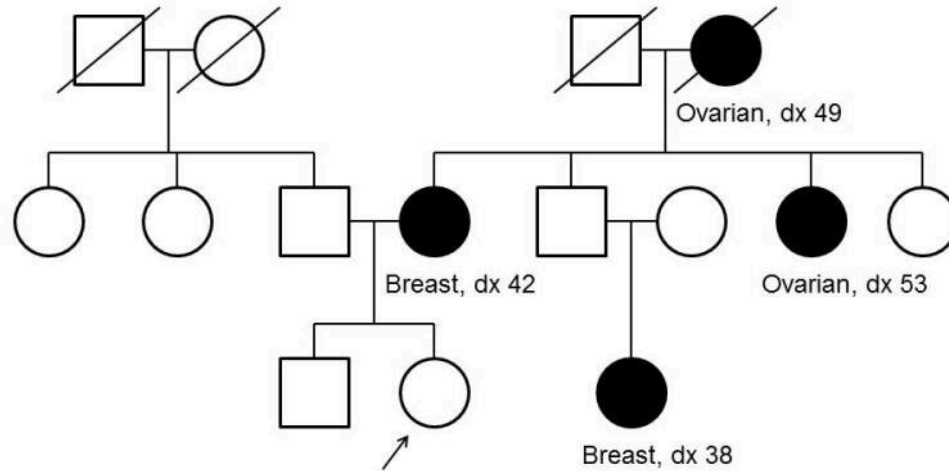


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**Genetic/Familial
High-Risk Assessment:
Breast, Ovarian, and Pancreatic**

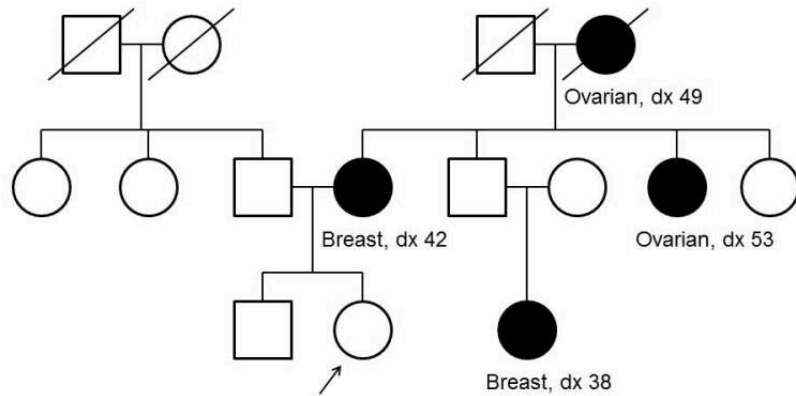
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- Patients with a blood relative with a known gene mutation
- Patients with 1st or 2nd degree blood relatives* that have been:
 - Diagnosed with very early onset breast cancer (<45 years)
 - Diagnosed with breast cancer between 46-50 years but have close another relative with breast, ovarian, pancreatic or prostate cancer at any age
 - Bilateral breast cancer, or more than 3 diagnoses of breast cancer
 - Triple negative breast cancer <60 years
 - Male breast cancer
 - Any of the above + Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry
- A greater than 2.5-5% probability of a BRCA1/2 variant based on hereditary risk models (Tyrer-Cuzick, BRCAPro, CanRisk)



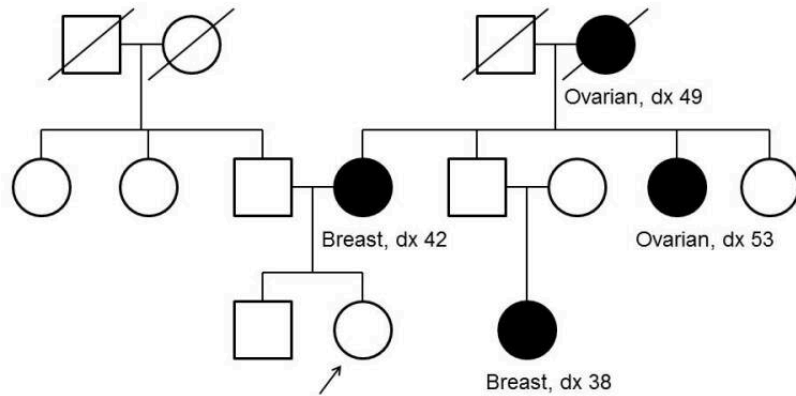
The genetic counseling session reveals a clustering of cases of breast and ovarian cancer on Ms. W's maternal side of the family in her mother, maternal grandmother, aunt and cousin. The genetic counsellor discusses the possibility of a **hereditary breast ovarian cancer (HBOC) syndrome**.





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Because Ms. W's mother is in South Africa and does not have access to testing, she is offered genetic testing herself. A blood (or saliva sample) is taken. One month later, she is informed that she is a carrier of a **pathogenic variant in the *BRCA1* gene (1832del5 mutation)**.

- Chromosome 17
- Autosomal dominant transmission (50% likelihood children will also be carriers)
- BRCA1 protein involved in homologous recombination/DNA repair
 - Inheriting a mutated copy of the gene from either parent creates genomic instability
 - Mutations accumulate in cells
 - Higher lifetime risk of **breast (72%)** or **ovarian cancer (44%)** by age 80







BRCA1
CHROMOSOME 17

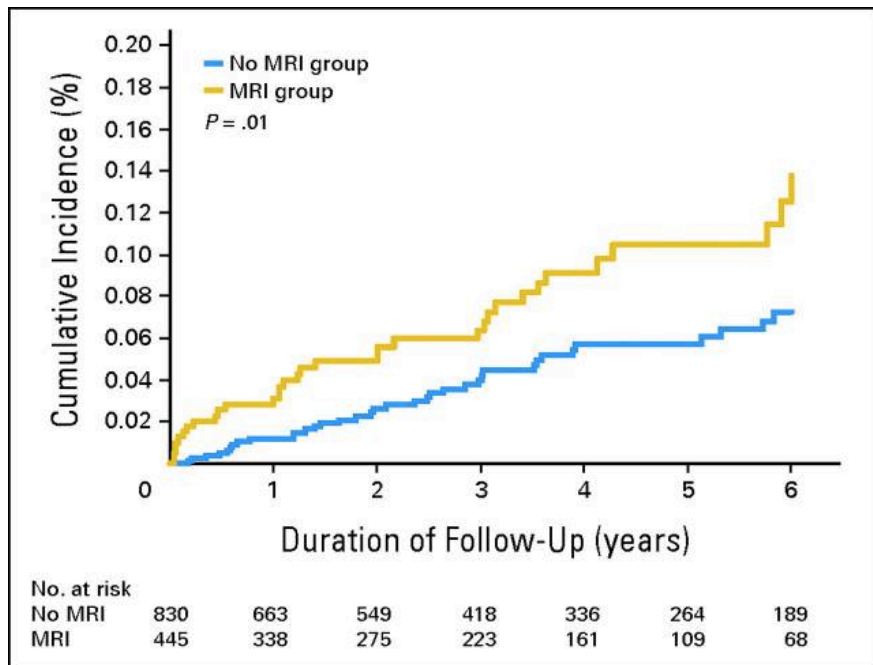
- Breast cancers tend to be aggressive, triple-negative subtypes
- Ovarian cancers tend to be high grade serous fallopian tube/ovarian/primary peritoneal cancers
- Cancers tend to be 8-10 years earlier in onset than BRCA2 patients
 - Breast cancer incidence increases rapidly between 30-40 years
 - Earlier oophorectomy recommended; between 35-40 years or after child-bearing is complete



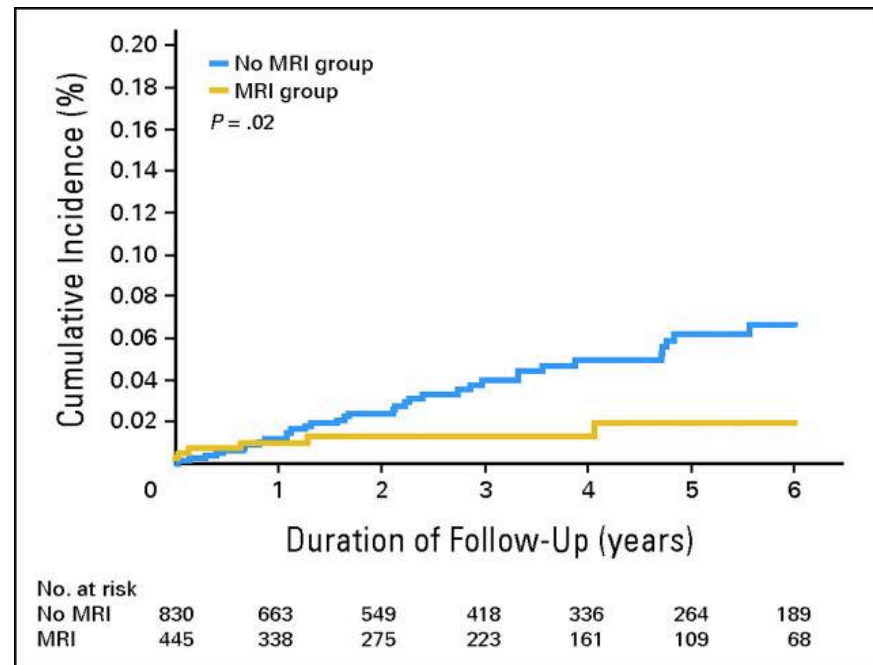
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United Kingdom Familial Ovarian Cancer Screen Study (2017)

- Multi-institutional prospective study including 4348 women of familial and genetic risk
- 20% were genetic mutation carriers
- CA-125 every 4 months, TVUS annually
- ROCA (risk of ovarian cancer) calculated based on CA-125 results, rate of change, and age-specific OC incidence estimates and used to triage more expedited TVUS + CA-125





Conclusions:

At a median follow up of **4.8 years**, 19 cancers diagnosed (13 screen detected)
Half of the detected ovarian or FTCs were early stage (“**significant stage shift**”)
No clear impact on survival

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 There is currently insufficient data to support ovarian/tubal/peritoneal cancer screening.
- 4 Risk-reducing surgery according to established guidelines ([Table 3](#)) is the most effective way to reduce the risk of ovarian cancer in women with a hereditary predisposition or risk (strong, low).

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Ten years later, Mrs. W's daughter accompanies her to clinic. Her mother has undergone risk reducing ovarian and breast surgeries and is doing well without cancer. She asks about when her daughter should get tested for BRCA1. She is currently 18 years old.

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- Genetic testing of family members usually recommended at or just before 25 years of age when MRI screening is typically initiated
 - In cases of very early onset BC, may be offered earlier
- Testing offered to both daughters (screening and prevention) and sons (family planning +/- prostate cancer screening)



Knowing that she has a 50% risk of being a BRCA1 carrier, Ms. M asks about timeline of screening and prevention recommendations...



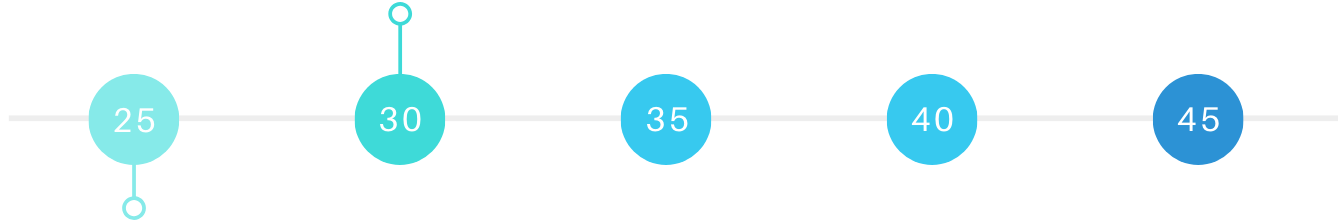


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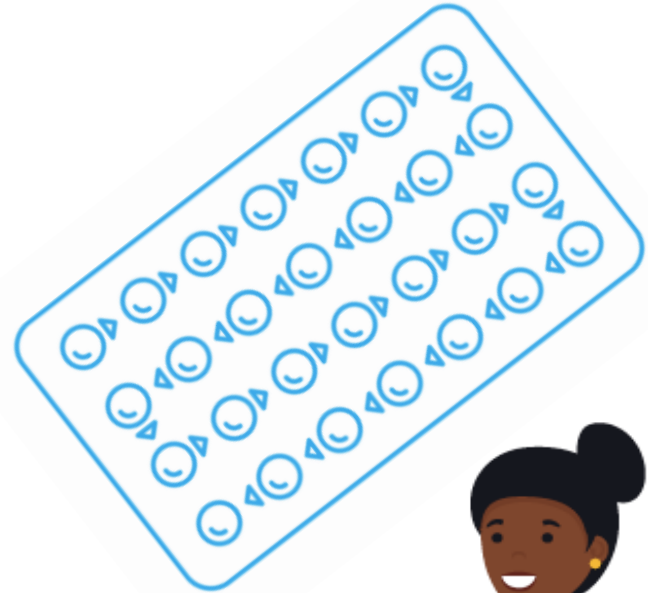
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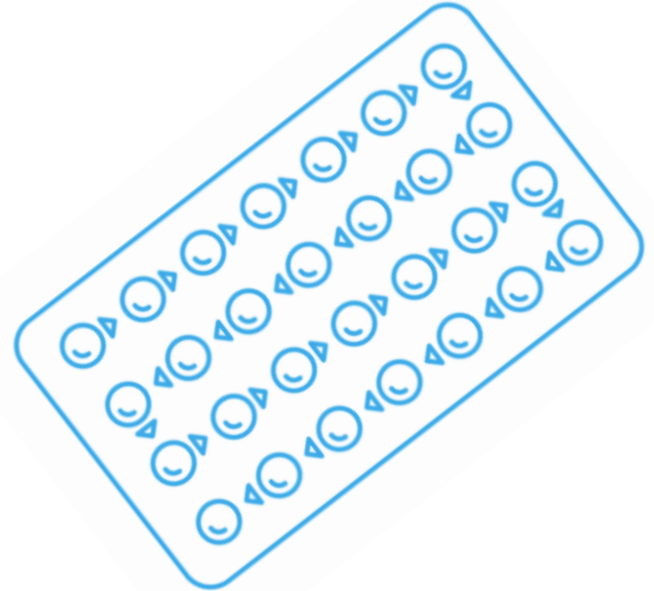
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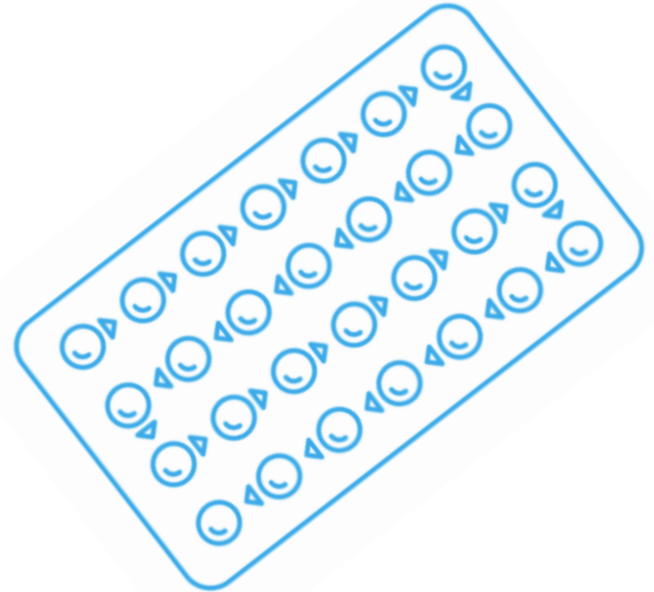
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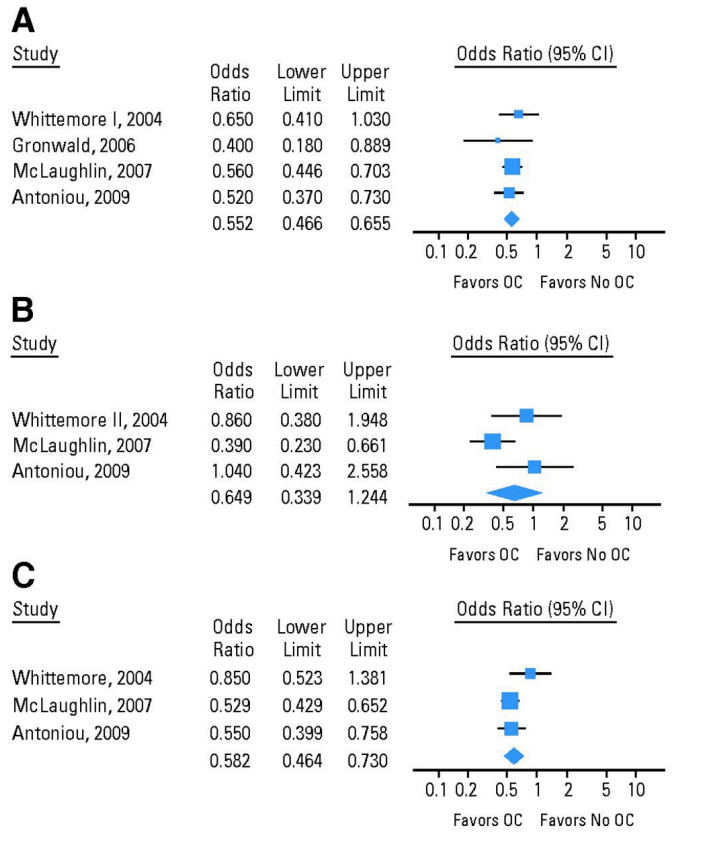
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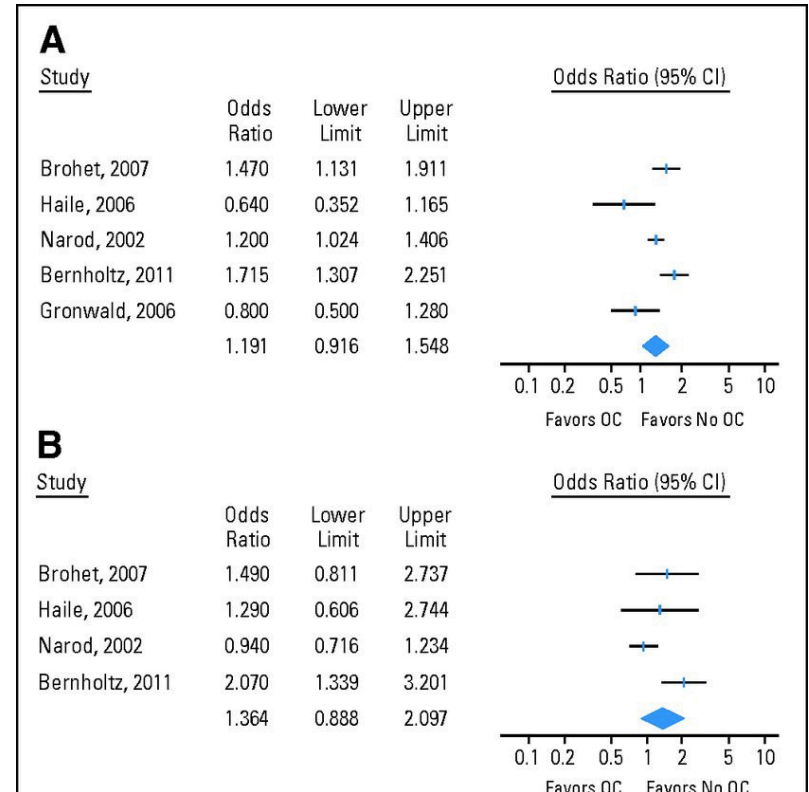
“Our results suggest that OC use reduces the risk of ovarian cancer in BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutation carriers, similar to what has been observed consistently in the general population.”

(Approximate 40% risk reduction)

“Our meta-analysis did not suggest a significantly increased risk of breast cancer among BRCA1/2 mutation carriers”

(a) *BRCA1* (OR 1.19, 95% CI 0.92-1.55)

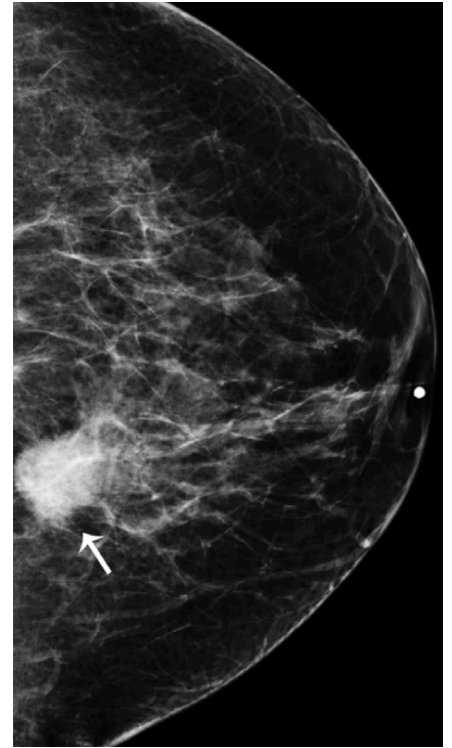
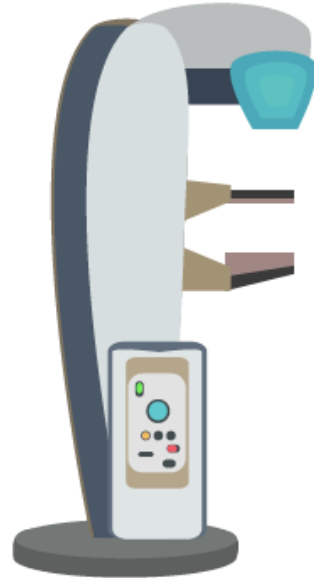
(b) *BRCA2* (OR 1.21, 95% CI 0.93-1.58)





Ms. S is a 54 year old French Canadian female with a history of stage I right breast cancer at 41 years old treated with breast conserving therapy (lumpectomy and radiation) followed by 5 years of endocrine therapy.

She returns to you because her annual screening mammogram has diagnosed a contralateral left breast mass, with investigations demonstrating an early-stage ER+HER2- invasive breast cancer.



Ms. S is referred to genetic testing given her history of bilateral breast cancer and early onset disease. In addition to asking about breast and ovarian cancer, what other cancers are associated with a BRCA2 pathogenic variant?



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You find out that Ms. S's older brother had prostate cancer in his early 50's. Her younger brother is unaffected. Their father died of pancreatic cancer.

They are both tested and found to have a **BRCA2** gene mutation.



- Chromosome 13
- AD transmission (50% likelihood children will also be carriers)
- BRCA2 protein involved in homologous recombination/DNA repair
 - BRCA2 PV creates genomic instability = mutations accumulate in cells
 - Higher lifetime risk of **breast (61%) and ovarian cancer (17%)** by age 80
 - Also associated with **pancreatic cancer, melanoma, and prostate cancer** in males

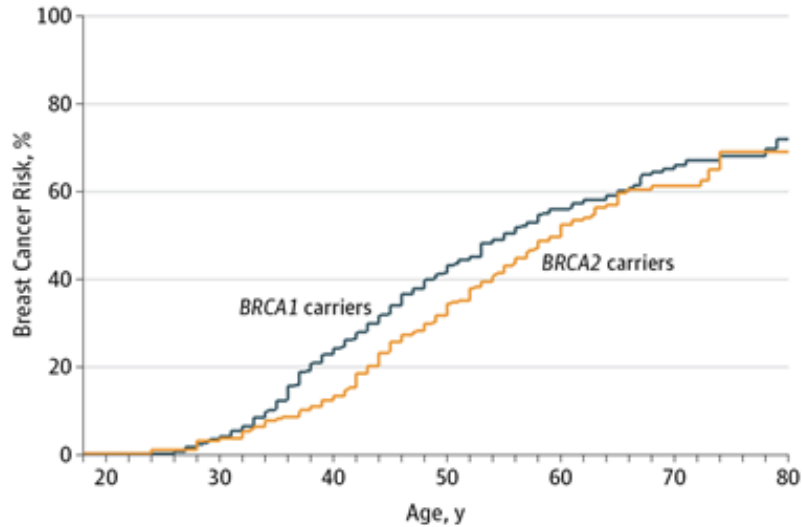


BRCA2
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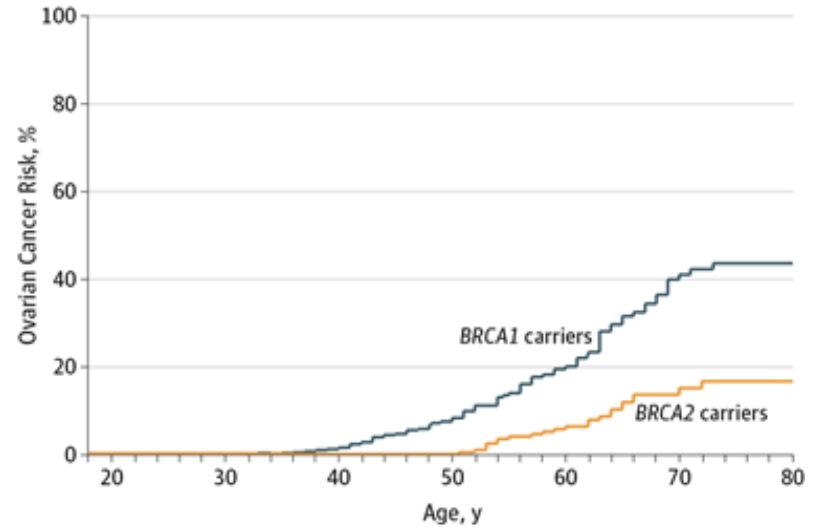
INCIDENCE

EFFECT OF BRCA MUTATION ON AGE OF ONSET

A Cumulative risk of first breast cancer among *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutation carriers



B Cumulative risk of ovarian cancer among *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutation carriers



No. at risk

<i>BRCA1</i>	53	340	404	273	138	41	13
<i>BRCA2</i>	30	160	267	204	110	35	21

<i>BRCA1</i>	53	420	544	243	131	54	23
<i>BRCA2</i>	30	190	371	230	157	59	28

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Ms. S proceeds with bilateral nipple sparing mastectomies with implant based reconstruction. She receives adjuvant chemotherapy and is started on Letrozole.

After completing her breast cancer treatment, she meets with a gynecologist to sign consent for risk-reducing laparoscopic salpingo-oophorectomy (RRSO).

Ms. S has one son aged 22 years old. He is interested in undergoing genetic testing in the future. If he tests positive for the BRCA2 gene mutation, what screening would be recommended?



1) Prostate (21% lifetime risk)

- Onset typically before 65 years
- Higher prostate-cancer specific mortality
- Baseline PSA at 40 years, repeat testing annually

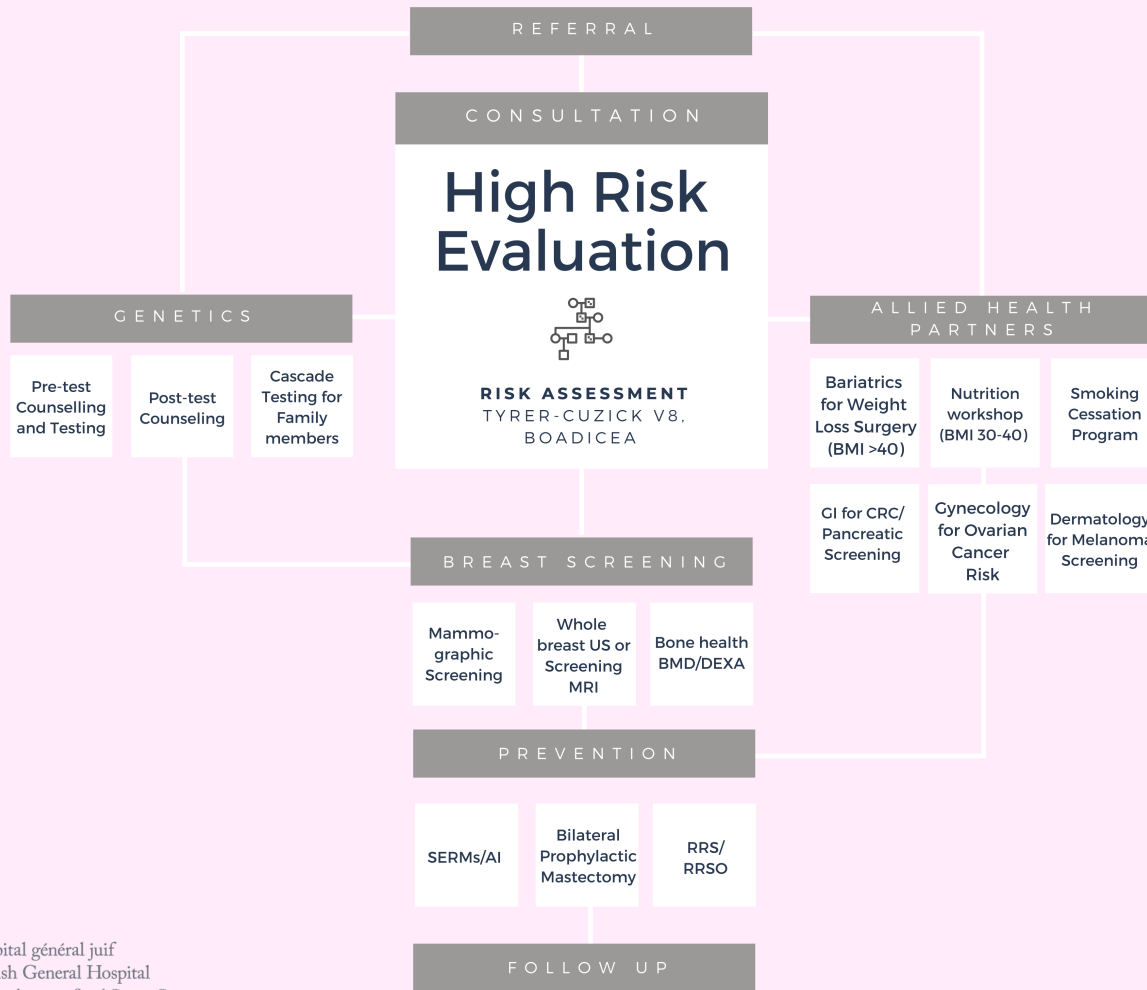
2) Pancreatic (7% lifetime risk)

- Annual CE MRI/MRCP endoscopic ultrasound under clinical screening protocol*

3) Breast (6-13% lifetime risk)

- Annual clinical breast exam starting at 35 years
- Consideration for mammogram starting at 50





McGILL HIGH RISK BREAST CLINIC

For women at increased breast cancer risk, individualized risk assessment, referral for screening, genetic testing, and improved access to risk reducing strategies that include lifestyle, pharmacologic, and surgical interventions can markedly decrease the incidence of malignancy.



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