



Doctor's Corner:

*A focus on the **BRCA1** and **BRCA2** genes*

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Did you know?

- Everyone has the *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* genes, but only some people have a **mutation** (or a change) in one of these genes.
- Mutations in *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* increase the lifetime risk of developing certain cancers, including breast, ovarian, pancreatic, and prostate cancer.
- Mutations in *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* affect both **women** and **men**, and can be passed down from either parent to their children.
- If you have a *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutation, there are options to help manage or reduce your cancer risks. A geneticist or genetic counselor can help you understand these risks and make important health decisions.

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