



BLACK BRCA

EMPOWERING GENERATIONS

Does Cancer Run in Your Family? We all have *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* genes, and when they work correctly, they can protect us against cancer. But women and men who have inherited a change, or mutation, in these genes are at greater risk for certain cancers, such as breast, ovarian, pancreatic, and prostate cancer.

If you have a history of these cancers in your family, meeting with a genetic counselor can give you and your loved ones important, sometimes life-saving, information. A genetic counselor can help you figure out whether you should be tested for a BRCA gene mutation.

The Basser Center and BLACK & BRCA are here to help by providing educational resources tailored to your needs, assistance in finding a genetic counselor, and by offering a community of support.

Connect with us at Basser.org or 215.662.2748.

UNCOVER YOUR RISK

- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among black women in the U.S. Black women are also more likely to die from breast cancer than white women.
- Both women and men can carry BRCA mutations and pass them on to their children.
- The incidence of prostate cancer in black men in the U.S. is 60-80% higher than among American men of European ancestry, and their mortality rate is over two times higher.

% = LIFETIME CANCER RISKS IN GENERAL POPULATION

INCREASED LIFETIME CANCER RISKS WITH A BRCA MUTATION

