HEREDITARY OVARIAN CANCER
What You Should Know

About 1 in 5 people with ovarian cancer will test positive for an inherited gene mutation that caused their cancer.

Experts recommend genetic counseling and testing for anyone diagnosed with ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer.

The most common genes linked to hereditary ovarian cancer are:
- BRCA1
- BRCA2

Other genes with mutations linked to ovarian cancer include:
- ATM
- BRIP1
- PALB2
- RAD51C
- RAD51D

The genes linked to Lynch syndrome:
- EPCAM
- MLH1
- MSH2
- MSH6
- PMS2

*Each mutation has a varying level of risk

Experts may recommend tumor biomarker testing for people with advanced ovarian cancer to look for abnormalities that may help guide cancer treatment.

Genetic counseling and testing can help you learn whether you have an inherited mutation. You may be eligible for certain types of treatment or clinical trials depending on your test results. Results can also help you and your relatives learn about your risks for future cancers and take steps to improve your health outcomes.

“As a three-time cancer survivor, I am thankful for the information and support that FORCE has provided to me and my family throughout the years. It cannot be found anywhere else.”

— SUSAN FEINBERG
Fallopian Tube, Primary Peritoneal and Breast Cancer Survivor

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