WOMEN'S HEALTH: HEREDITARY CANCER GENETICS AND CANCER PREVENTION

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OBJECTIVES

- Describe hereditary cancer and how it affects cancer risk
- Explain the prevalence of hereditary cancer
- Identify hereditary cancer mutations
- Understand National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guideline criteria for genetic testing
- Describe elements of pre-genetic test counseling
- Understand post-genetic test follow-up management





WHAT IS HEREDITARY CANCER?

Mutation or alteration in a person's DNA

High risk of cancer

- Passed from parent to child
- Autosomal dominant inheritance



TUMOR SUPPRESSOR GENES





MISMATCH REPAIR GENES





ANNUAL INCIDENCE OF HEREDITARY CANCER

Site	Estimated New Cases 2022	% Hereditary	# Patients with Hereditary Cancer
Breast	300,000	14%	42,000
Ovary	20,000	24%	4,800
Uterus	66,000	9%	5,940
Colorectal	153,000	10%	15,300

American Cancer Society, 2023







1 OUT OF 4 PATIENTS QUALIFY FOR GENETIC TESTING

DeFrancesco et al., 2018



ONLY 20% OF PATIENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR GENETIC TESTING HAVE UNDERGONE TESTING

Childers, 2017



MULTI-GENE PANEL GENETIC TESTING IS RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE WHO MEET CRITERIA

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CRITERIA FOR TESTING

- Individuals with a blood relative with a known hereditary cancer gene mutation
- Personal or family history in a 1st or 2nd degree relative:
 - Breast cancer age 50 or younger
 - 3 or more breast cancers on the same side of the family
 - Male breast cancer at any age
 - Breast cancer at any age and Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry



CRITERIA FOR TESTING

- Personal or family history in a 1st or 2nd degree relative of ovarian cancer at any age
- Personal or family history in a 1st degree relative of pancreatic cancer at any age
- Personal or family history in a 1st degree relative with metastatic prostate cancer
- Personal or family history in a 1st degree relative of colorectal or endometrial cancer at age 50 or younger

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Hereditary Cancer Syndromes

 Hereditary Breast/ Ovarian Cancer

BRCA1, BRCA2

Lynch Syndrome

MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, EPCAM

- Hereditary Breast PALB2, CHEK2, ATM
- PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome (рнтs) PTEN
- Li-Fraumeni

- Peutz-Jeghers
 STK11
- Hereditary Diffuse Gastric Cancer (HDGC) СDH1



HEREDITARY BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER SYNDROME: BRCA1

- 87% risk of breast cancer in women and 1.2% in men to age 70
- 20% risk of second breast cancer in women within 5 years
- 63% risk of ovarian cancer in women to age 70
- 16% risk of prostate cancer in men to age 70
- Elevated risk of pancreatic cancer



HEREDITARY BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER SYNDROME: BRCA2

- 84% risk of breast cancer in women and 6.8% in men to age 70
- 12% risk of second breast cancer in women within 5 years of primary diagnosis
- 27% risk of ovarian cancer in women to age 70
- 20% risk of prostate cancer in men to age 70
- 7% or higher pancreatic cancer risk with family history
- Elevated risk of melanoma



MANAGEMENT: HEREDITARY BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER SYNDROME

Breast self-awareness starting at age 18

- Clinical breast exam every 6-12 months starting at age 21
- Annual breast MRI with contrast starting at age 25
- Annual Mammogram starting at age 30
- Risk-reducing bilateral mastectomy: individualized, usually age 35-45



MANAGEMENT: HEREDITARY BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER SYNDROME

• Annual transvaginal ultrasound and CA-125 ages 30-35

- Risk-reducing bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy age 35-40 or upon completion of childbearing
- Family history of pancreatic cancer: endoscopic ultrasonography or MRI/MRCP of the pancreas

annually starting at age 50, or 10 years younger than diagnosis of family member

- BRCA 2: annual whole body skin and eye exams
- Risk-Reducing medications



HEREDITARY BREAST CANCER: PALB2

- 53% risk of breast cancer in women and 1% in men to age 80
- 5% risk of ovarian cancer to age 80
- 3% risk of pancreatic cancer to age 80



HEREDITARY BREAST CANCER: CHEK2

- 31% risk of breast cancer in women and 1% in men to age 80

Possible elevated risk colorectal cancer



HEREDITARY BREAST CANCER: ATM

- 52% risk of breast cancer in women to age 80
- 44% risk of prostate cancer in men to age 80
- 5% risk of pancreatic cancer to age 80



MANAGEMENT: HEREDITARY BREAST CANCER

- Breast self-awareness starting at age 18
- Clinical breast exam every 6-12 months starting at age 21
- Annual mammogram and breast MRI with contrast starting at age 30-40
- Risk-reducing medications or bilateral mastectomy: individualized



MANAGEMENT: HEREDITARY BREAST CANCER

- No specific ovarian cancer risk-reduction recommendations
- PALB2/ATM: Family history of pancreatic cancer: endoscopic ultrasonography or MRI/MRCP of the pancreas annually starting at age 50, or 10 years younger than diagnosis of family member
- ATM: Consider annual digital rectal exam and Prostate Specific Antigen starting at age 40



HEREDITARY NON-POLYPOSIS COLORECTAL CANCER: LYNCH SYNDROME: MLH1

- 58% risk of colorectal cancer to age 70
- 54% risk of endometrial cancer in women to age 70
- 20% risk of ovarian cancer in women to age 70
- Elevated risk of gastric, small bowel, urothelial, skin, pancreatic, brain, and

hepatobiliary cancers

HEREDITARY NON-POLYPOSIS COLORECTAL CANCER: LYNCH SYNDROME: MSH2

- 51% risk of colorectal cancer to age 70
- 53% risk of endometrial cancer in women to age 70
- 24% risk of ovarian cancer in women to age 70
- Elevated risk of gastric, small bowel, urothelial, skin, pancreatic, brain, prostate, and

hepatobiliary cancers



HEREDITARY NON-POLYPOSIS COLORECTAL CANCER LYNCH SYNDROME: MSH6

30% risk of colorectal cancer to age 70

• 71% risk of endometrial cancer in women to age 70

• Elevated risk of urothelial, ovarian, gastric, small bowel, pancreatic, central nervous

system, hepatobiliary, and sebaceous cancers

HEREDITARY NON-POLYPOSIS COLORECTAL CANCER LYNCH SYNDROME: PMS2

20% risk of colorectal cancer to age 70

26% risk of endometrial cancer in women to age 70

- Elevated risk of ovarian, gastric, small bowel, urothelial, pancreatic, brain, hepatobiliary,

and skin tumor cancers



HEREDITARY NON-POLYPOSIS COLORECTAL CANCER LYNCH SYNDROME: EPCAM

- 51% risk of colorectal cancer to age 70
- 53% risk of endometrial cancer in women to age 70
- 24% risk of ovarian cancer in women to age 70
- Elevated risk of gastric, small bowel, urothelial, skin, pancreatic, brain, prostate, and

hepatobiliary cancers



MANAGEMENT: LYNCH SYNDROME

- Colonoscopy every 1-2 years starting at age 20-25
- Education to seek attention for ovarian cancer symptoms
- Annual transvaginal ultrasound and CA-125 age 30-35
- Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy: consider after completion of childbearing
- Risk reducing medications



MANAGEMENT: LYNCH SYNDROME

- Consider testing and treatment of H. Pylori infection

- Consider upper endoscopy every 3-5 starting at age 40
- Consider annual urinalysis starting at age 30-35
- Consider whole body skin exams every 1-2 years



LI-FRAUMENI SYNDROME: TP53

7%-20% not inherited from a parent, de novo mutation

- 95% overall cancer risk in males to age 70
- 100% overall cancer risk in females to age 70
- 50% risk of second primary cancer within 10 years of first diagnosis
- 85% risk of breast cancer in females to age 70- majority before age 45



MANAGEMENT: LI-FRAUMENI SYNDROME

Provide education about overall symptoms of cancer

- Female breast self-awareness starting at age 18
- Clinical breast exam every 6-12 months starting at age 20
- Annual breast MRI starting at age 20
- Annual mammogram starting at age 30



MANAGEMENT: LI-FRAUMENI SYNDROME

Consider risk-reducing bilateral mastectomy: individualized

- Comprehensive physical and neurological exam every 3-4 months from birth to age 18 and

every 6-12 months from age 18

- Whole body MRI annually from birth
- Abdominal and pelvic ultrasound every 3-4 months from birth to age 18 and annually from

age 18



HAMARTOMA TUMOR SYNDROME: PTEN

- 89% overall cancer risk to age 70
- 85% risk of breast cancer to age 70
- 28% risk of endometrial cancer to age 70

- 38% risk of thyroid cancer to age 70
- 16% risk of colorectal cancer to age 70
- 34% risk of renal cancer to age 70
- 6% risk of melanoma to age 70





MANAGEMENT: HAMARTOMA TUMOR SYNDROME

- Provide education about overall symptoms of cancer
- Annual comprehensive physical exam with particular attention to thyroid starting at age 18
- Breast self-awareness starting at age 18
- Clinical breast exam every 6-12 months starting at age 25
- Annual mammogram starting at age 30



MANAGEMENT: HAMARTOMA TUMOR SYNDROME

- Risk-reducing bilateral mastectomy: individualized
- Education to seek attention for symptoms of endometrial cancer
- Transvaginal ultrasound: consider in postmenopausal women
- Endometrial biopsy: every 1-2 years starting at age 35
- Hysterectomy: consider after childbearing complete



MANAGEMENT: HAMARTOMA TUMOR SYNDROME

- Annual thyroid ultrasound starting at age 7
- Colonoscopy every 5 years starting at age 35 or 5-10 years younger than earliest family

member diagnosis

- Renal ultrasound every 1-2 years starting at age 40
- Annual whole-body skin exam



PEUTZ-JEGHERS SYNDROME: STK11

- 39% risk of colorectal cancer to age 70
- 36% risk of pancreatic cancer to age 70
- 54% risk of breast cancer to age 70
- 29% risk of gastric cancer to age 70
- 13% risk of small bowel cancer to age 70

- 21% risk of ovarian cancer to age 70
- 9% risk of endometrial cancer to age 70
- 10% risk of cervical cancer to age 70
- 17% risk of lung cancer to age 70
- Elevated risk of testicular cancer



MANAGEMENT PEUTZ-JEGHERS SYNDROME

- Colonoscopy: baseline at age 8-10, then every 2-3 years from age 18
- MRCP or endoscopic ultrasound of pancreas annually starting at age 30
- Breast self-awareness starting at age 18
- Clinical breast exam every 6 months starting at age 30
- Annual mammogram starting at age 30

MANAGEMENT PEUTZ-JEGHERS SYNDROME

- Upper endoscopy: baseline at age 8-10, then every 2-3 years from age 18
- Small bowel CT or MRI: baseline at age 8-10, then every 2-3 years from age 18
- Physical exam for precocious puberty annually starting at age 8
- Pelvic exam and pap smear annually beginning at age 18-20
- Testicular exam and observance for feminizing changes annually starting at age 10
- Education about avoidance/cessation of smoking



HEREDITARY DIFFUSE GASTRIC CANCER SYNDROME: CDH1

83% risk of diffuse gastric cancer to age 80

52% risk of breast cancer in women to age 70



MANAGEMENT: HEREDITARY DIFFUSE GASTRIC CANCER SYNDROME

- Gastrectomy after baseline endoscopy: age 18-40

Surveillance with endoscopy and biopsy every 6-12 months for those delaying

gastrectomy

- Test for and treat H. Pylori
- Breast self-awareness starting at age 18



MANAGEMENT: HEREDITARY DIFFUSE GASTRIC CANCER SYNDROME

Annual clinical breast exam starting at age 25

- Annual mammogram starting at age 30
- Annual breast MRI starting at age 30
- Consider bilateral risk-reducing mastectomy between ages 30-60



HEREDITARY CANCER RISK ASSESSMENT

Personal cancer history

- Type, histology/pathology
- Age at diagnosis
- Any previous genetic testing and results

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HEREDITARY CANCER RISK ASSESSMENT

Family history:

- Previous genetic testing and results of family members
- Cancer diagnosis in first-, second-, and third-degree relatives on each side of the family
- Type of cancer
- Age at diagnosis
- Ethnicity (specifically Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry)





PRETEST COUNSELING

- Educate the patient on inheritance patterns: 50%
- Prepare for possible outcomes: positive, negative, and variants of uncertain clinical significance
- Obtain informed consent and document it in the patient's medical record
- Discuss the plan for results disclosure
- Educate patient that enhanced screening, risk-reducing medications and surgery available if mutation identified



PRETEST COUNSELING

- Discuss that results may be important to therapeutic decision-making
- Advise about possible inherited cancer risk to relatives
- Discuss the cost of genetic testing
- Provide an overview of current legislation regarding genetic discrimination and the privacy



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of genetic information



O POST-TEST FOLLOW UP

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POSITIVE

- Referral for formal genetic counseling
 - Testing of family members
- Begin early/increased screenings
- Consider risk-reducing medications
- Consider risk-reducing surgeries
- Fertility planning: pre-implantation genetic testing

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HIGH RISK NEGATIVE

- Genetic testing negative for clinically significant mutations
- Lifetime breast cancer risk 20% or greater
- Increased breast cancer screening
 - Breast self-awareness
 - Annual clinical breast exam
 - Start annual mammogram 10 years younger than family member diagnosis, not before age 30 and no later than age 40
 - Start annual breast MRI with contrast 10 years younger than family member diagnosis, no later than 40
 - Individualized consideration of risk-reducing medications



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VARIANTS OF UNCERTAIN CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Variation in gene
- 90% will be reclassified as benign
- No change in clinical management





RISK-REDUCING MEDICATIONS: BREAST CANCER

- Consider for women 35 and older with a 5 year breast cancer risk of 3% or greater
- Does not apply to women with previous or current diagnosis of breast cancer
- Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator
 - Acta as an estrogen antagonist in breast cancer cells preventing tumor growth
- Aromatase Inhibitors- NO FDA-APPROVED INDICATION FOR RISK REDUCTION
 - Lower estrogen levels by preventing aromatase from converting androgen into estrogen



SELECTIVE ESTROGEN RECEPTOR MODULATORS

- Tamoxifen 20 mg PO daily x 5 years
 - Reduced incidence of invasive breast cancer by 7 per 1,000 over 5 years
 - Risk of VTEs, vasomotor symptoms, endometrial cancer, and cataracts
 - Approved for premenopausal and postmenopausal women



SELECTIVE ESTROGEN RECEPTOR MODULATORS

Raloxifene- 60 mg PO daily x 5 years

- Reduced incidence of invasive breast cancer by 9 per 1,000 over 5 years
- Risk of VTEs and vasomotor symptoms
- Use only in postmenopausal women
- Discontinue >72 hours before surgery with VTE risk



AROMATASE INHIBITORS

- Letrozole, Anastrozole, Exemestane
 - reduced incidence of breast cancer by 16 per 1,000 over 5 years
 - Vasomotor symptoms, gastrointestinal symptoms, musculoskeletal pain
 - Use only in postmenopausal women



RISK-REDUCING MEDICATIONS: OVARIAN AND ENDOMETRIAL CANCER

Combined hormonal contraceptive pills

- Up to 50% reduction of ovarian and endometrial cancer risk when taken for 5+ consecutive years
- Follow WHO Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use



RISK-REDUCING AGENTS: COLORECTAL CANCER

Aspirin

- 600 mg/day for up to 4 years
- Up to 50% reduction in risk



- 39 year old female
- Personal history
 - Colorectal cancer age 34
- Family history:
 - Mother melanoma age 45
 - Maternal grandmother thyroid cancer age 25
 - Paternal aunt ovarian cancer age 28



Personal and Family Hx Guided Management

- Routine screenings
- Colonoscopy every 3 years
- Annual skin exam



• + BRCA1

- 87% risk of breast cancer
- Annual Breast MRI starting at 25
- Annual mammogram starting at age 30
- CBE every 6-12 months
- Risk-reducing mastectomy
- 63% risk of ovarian cancer
- BSO



- 40 year old male
- No personal cancer history
- Family history:
 - Mother endometrial age 45
 - Maternal aunt ovarian cancer age 60



Family Hx Guided Management

- Routine screenings
- Colonoscopy every 10 years staring at age 45



• + MLH1

- Up to 82% risk of colon cancer
- Annual colonoscopy starting at 20-25y
- Up to 11% risk of gastric cancer
- Consider upper endoscopy every 3-5 years



- 36 year old female
- No personal cancer history
- Family history:
 - Father pancreatic cancer age 51
 - Paternal grandmother melanoma age 45



Family Hx Guided Management

- Routine screenings
- Annual skin exams



•+ CDH1

- Up to 83% risk of gastric cancer
- Risk-reducing gastrectomy age 18-40
- Up to 52% risk of breast cancer
- Annual Breast MRI starting at 25
- Annual mammogram starting at age 30
- CBE every 6-12 months
- Risk-reducing mastectomy age 30-60



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Risk assessment and testing key to identifying genetic mutations
- Reg flags: young, rare, multiple cancers
- Identification of genetic mutations prevents cancer
- Entire family is affected





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