



Please help us save lives


RISKY GENES AWARENESS PROGRAM

PROGRAM AIMS


1. To help find the many thousands of people who do not yet know they carry risky genes to provide them with the tools they need to save their lives
2. To provide a framework for existing risky gene carriers to become involved
3. To garner public support for new and existing programs specifically targeted to hereditary cancer

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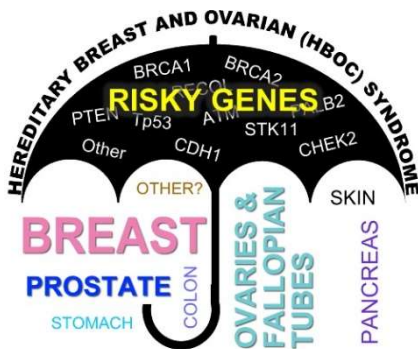
THE TRUTH ABOUT HEREDITARY CANCER



95% breast cancer risk
65% ovarian cancer risk
Her grandmother died at 55 of ovarian cancer.
Her mother fought breast cancer at 40.
Her sister died at 34 of breast cancer, leaving behind a 3-year old daughter.



85% breast cancer risk
75% ovarian cancer risk
Her grandmother died of ovarian cancer.
Her mother fought 3 types of cancer starting in her early 30's.
Her cousin died of breast cancer when she was 30, leaving behind a 2-year old daughter.

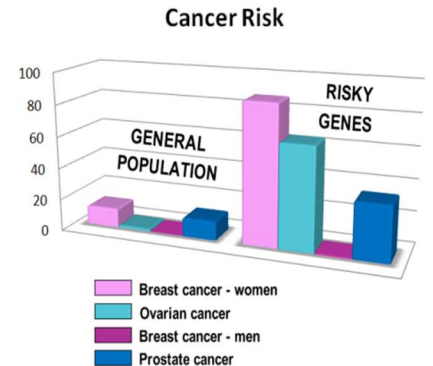


Risky genes cause hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, as well as some other types

About 10% of all breast and prostate cancer is known to be caused by inherited gene mutations and as high as 25% of ovarian cancer

Those with risky genes experience far more cancer, at younger ages, it is more aggressive and has a higher rate of recurrence or a second primary site

Both men and women can carry and pass risky genes to their children at a rate of 50%

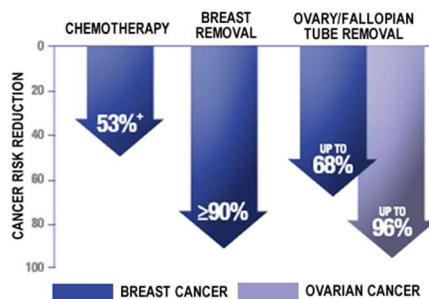


Risky gene carriers have a higher risk of cancer than those in the general population

Well over 1 million Canadians are estimated to carry risky genes

However, awareness is so low that up to 80% are not yet aware

This robs them of the opportunity to make informed health decisions about early-age cancer screening or prevention options that could save their lives



Prevention options reduce hereditary cancer risk up to 96%

Being the population hit hardest, yet with the ability to avoid a cancer diagnosis, one would assume governments and large cancer organizations would have provided adequate funding

However, funding has been far from proportionate, resulting in a severe lack of awareness, services, research and treatments