More than just a test

Includes pretest consultation

BRCAtest uk provide pretest information and a consultation about the benefits and limitations of genetic hereditary cancer testing.

Comprehensive analysis of up to 30 genes

BRCAtest uk analyses up to 30 genes associated with the most common hereditary cancers: breast, colorectal, melanoma, endometrial, prostate, ovarian, stomach and uterine.

Clear and informative results

- Clear, thorough communication of the presence of any risk-increasing mutations, including mutation details and the impact on cancer risks
- Detailed information on how your mutation status might affect relatives
- Answers to common questions
- Personalised reports tailored to your personal health and family cancer history.

Genetic counselling provided

BRCAtest uk offers you and your healthcare provider access to a team of genetic counsellors and medical and laboratory experts in the UK to answer any questions you may have about your result.

Is the test right for you?

You can discuss hereditary genetic cancer screening with your healthcare provider, how much it will cost and how to get your sample test kit.

About us

BRCAtest uk Team

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BRCAtest uk Medical Advisory Panel

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Visit the website for the full panel.

Governance, Regulation and Quality Assurance

Our medical clinic is fully registered and accredited with Health Inspectorate Wales (the Welsh Regulatory Body equivalent to the English Care Quality Commission).

Our validated test is performed in a CAP-accredited and CLIA-certified laboratory using state-of-the-art sequencing.

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BRCAtest uk

hereditary cancer testing

Take control of your genetic risk for common hereditary cancers

Cancer risk and hereditary cancer

All of us have a 1 in 2 lifetime risk of cancer. Most are due to environmental and lifestyle factors and there are national screening programmes in many countries to try to identify some cancers early when treatment is most effective.

Genetic counselling

Some cancers in your family may also affect your personal risk of certain cancers and you may wish to have personalised genetic counselling to discuss what this means for you and other family members.

Hereditary genetic cancer

About 10-15% of most cancers are due to known inherited genetic mutations. Knowing you have a mutation that increases your risk allows you and your healthcare provider to create a personalised plan designed to prevent or detect cancers like breast, ovarian, colorectal and endometrial at an earlier or more treatable stage.

Relatives may benefit too

Knowing you have a genetic mutation may be important information to share with your relatives. For example, if a man or women carries a mutation in BRCA1, each of their parents (mother and father), siblings (brothers and sisters) and children (sons and daughters) have a 50% chance of carrying the same mutation.

Important for men and women

Genetic cancer mutations affect the risk of developing cancer in both men and women.

BRCA gene mutations and risk – an example

BRCA1 gene mutations increase the risk of:

Breast Cancer (women) **from 12% to 80%**
Ovarian Cancer (women) **from 1% to 50%**
Breast Cancer (men) **from 0.1% to 2%**

Having the test

STEP 1
Request a kit
Request a BRCAtest uk saliva test kit from your clinic.

STEP 2
Payment
Payment methods and cost will be discussed when you order your test and then pay your clinic directly.

STEP 3
Provide a saliva sample
You will be given a BRCAtest uk saliva test sample kit. Read the instructions carefully and use the tube in your kit to provide a saliva sample. Complete Request Form (A), Consent Form (B) and the Health and History Form (C). Check that the barcodes on tubes and forms match.

STEP 4
Post the kit back
Post the sample pack at any post box free to:
Freepost
BRCAtest uk

STEP 5
Reporting
Your sample will be sequenced and your genes will be analysed and reported usually within 3-4 weeks after receipt in the laboratory.

Test only available to those aged 18 years or above.

Getting the results

One of our network of UK based Consultant Genetic Specialists will contact you with your results to discuss them and their implications.

Results and what they mean:

+ Positive

A positive result means that a mutation, or a genetic change, was identified in a specific gene that increases the lifetime chance of developing certain cancers. Your personal results contain more detailed risk information specific to the mutation identified in your genes. This result does not mean that you have cancer or that you will definitely develop cancer in your lifetime. There may also be implications for other family members. You should discuss this with your own clinic or one of our genetics experts.

- Negative

A negative result means that no mutations, or genetic changes associated with an increased risk of the most common hereditary cancers, were identified in the genes that were analysed. This result does not eliminate your risk of developing cancer. You may still be at increased risk of cancer due to other factors, mutations not detected by current technology, or mutations in other genes. You should discuss this with your own clinic or one of our genetics experts.

? Variant of Uncertain Significance

A gene mutation has been found but at present we do not know if this affects your risk of certain cancers. Our scientists use state-of-the-art techniques to classify variants according to American College of Genetics and Genomics guidelines. All clinically actionable variants (i.e. likely pathogenic and pathogenic) as well as all reported copy number variations, insertions and inversions are confirmed using an alternative technology. We understand this can sound complex, so if you are found to have an actionable variant, you should discuss it with your own clinic or one of our genetics experts.