

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM AT HIGH RISK FOR DEVELOPING AN INHERITED CANCER?

According to the National Cancer Institute, some of the factors to consider are whether you have one or more of the following (145):

several close blood relatives with the same type of cancer, such as a mother, daughter, and sisters with breast cancer;

family members diagnosed with cancers at younger ages than usual, such as colon cancer in a 20-year-old;

one or more family members who have more than one type of cancer, such as a female relative with both breast and ovarian cancer;

one or more family members with cancers in both of a pair of organs, such as both eyes, both kidneys, or both breasts;

family members with a type of cancer that usually occurs in the opposite sex, such as breast cancer in a man.