The purpose of this guide is to help you find information and support on breast and ovarian cancer genetics. This guide provides links and references to reliable and current information sources for patients, families, and caregivers.

Many of the materials in this guide can be found at the Patient Education Resource Center (PERC) in the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Level B2.

**Brochures and Fact Sheets**

- Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowerment (FORCE)
  - Breast Cancer Screening for High Risk Women
  - If Breast or Ovarian Cancer Runs in Your Family
  - Genetic Information, Privacy & Discrimination
  - What Every Jewish Family Should Know About Breast & Ovarian Cancer
  - For Families Facing Hereditary Breast or Ovarian Cancer
  - What Every Young Woman with Breast Cancer Should Know
  - What Every Woman with Ovarian Cancer Should Know


- National Cancer Institute
  Genetics of Breast and Ovarian Cancer (PDQ)


- Susan G. Komen
  - Genetics and Breast Cancer
  - Questions to Ask Your Doctor about Genes and Inherited Breast Cancer
  - Research Fast Facts: BRCA

  http://ww5.komen.org/BreastCancer/InheritedGeneticMutations.html

**Books**


**Audiovisual Resources**

• **FORCE. Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowerment**  
  FORCE YouTube Channel includes many videos on hereditary breast and ovarian cancers. Access at:  
  [http://youtube.com/user/facingourrisk](http://youtube.com/user/facingourrisk)

**Web Resources**

• **Breast Cancer Genetics Network of Michigan**  
  [http://mi-cancergenetics.org](http://mi-cancergenetics.org)  
  Information on the genetics of breast and ovarian cancer, and the experiences of visiting a cancer genetics clinic in the State of Michigan.

• **BreastCancer.org – section on Genetics**  
  [http://breastcancer.org/risk/factors/genetics](http://breastcancer.org/risk/factors/genetics)

• **FORCE. Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowerment**  
  [http://facingourrisk.org](http://facingourrisk.org)  
  The information on this site helps women understand risk, genetic testing, and legal and ethical issues facing women with a confirmed BRCA mutation. Preventative measures that may reduce risk are discussed in detail, including prophylactic mastectomy, surgical menopause, chemoprevention, and more.

• **Genetics, Causes, Risk Factors, Prevention section on Cancer.gov**  
  [http://cancer.gov](http://cancer.gov)  
  Click the link to “Prevention, Genetics, Causes” under “Cancer Topics”  
  This site links to documents on cancer genetics, genetics of breast and ovarian cancer, and the Cancer Genetics Services Directory; a directory of professionals who provide services related to cancer genetic risk assessment, counseling, and testing.

• **Genetics Home Reference**  
  This site includes condition summaries that describe the genetic causes and pattern of inheritance for specific cancer types and a handbook that provides illustrated, basic explanations of how genetic mutations cause disorders.
University of Michigan Resources

- Breast & Ovarian Cancer Risk Evaluation Program

Patient Support Organizations

- FORCE – Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
  http://facingourrisk.org/index.php
  Phone: (954) 255-8732