Doctor’s Corner:

A focus on the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes

Did you know?

- Everyone has the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, but only some people have a mutation (or a change) in one of these genes.

- Mutations in BRCA1 and BRCA2 increase the lifetime risk of developing certain cancers, including breast, ovarian, pancreatic, and prostate cancer.

- Mutations in BRCA1 and BRCA2 affect both women and men, and can be passed down from either parent to their children.

- If you have a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation, there are options to help manage or reduce your cancer risks. A geneticist or genetic counselor can help you understand these risks and make important health decisions.

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