



Genetic Testing Outcomes

BRCA Positive:

- Increases risk of RECURRENCE in the affected breast (*must consider mastectomy*)
- Increases the risk of a 2nd cancer in the affected breast AND in the other breast
 - risk to the other breast is as high as 20% over the next 5 years (*must consider bilateral mastectomy*)
- Increases the risk of ovarian cancer (*must discuss ovarian removal with Gynecologist*)
- You can PASS the gene onto your offspring (*testing for at least 1st degree relative may be needed*)

BRCA Negative

- NO increased risk of recurrence in the affected breast (*Lumpectomy is okay if MRI shows one area only*)
- There is NOT a huge risk of a 2nd cancer and the other breast is at no higher risk
- There is NO increased risk for ovarian cancer
- If you don't have it – you CAN'T pass it on to future generations and no else needs testing

- Genetic Testing is offered and you should fully understand the implications of a Positive and Negative test result. Genetic Counseling with our Genetics Specialist is available – should you desire.
- If you are undergoing testing – you should AWAIT these results PRIOR to making decisions regarding your definitive surgical treatment
- Testing can take up to 14 days to receive. Dr. Hailey will call you when the results are received.
- Insurance/Payment Issues:
 - o Myriad Genetic Laboratories will contact your insurance company to verify coverage.
 - o You will be contacted for initiation of testing should there be a significant out-of-pocket expense for you. If you have questions concerning the cost vs. necessity of the test – please contact Dr. Hailey at (225) 751-2778.