

# BLACK BRCA

## **EMPOWERING GENERATIONS**

**Does Cancer Run in Your Family?** We all have *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* genes, and when they work correctly, they can protect us against cancer. But women and men who have inherited a change, or mutation, in these genes are at greater risk for certain cancers, such as breast, ovarian, pancreatic, and prostate cancer.

If you have a history of these cancers in your family, meeting with a genetic counselor can give you and your loved ones important, sometimes life-saving, information. A genetic counselor can help you figure out whether you should be tested for a BRCA gene mutation.

The Basser Center and BLACK & BRCA are here to help by providing educational resources tailored to your needs, assistance in finding a genetic counselor, and by offering a community of support.

#### Connect with us at **Basser.org** or **215.662.2748**.

## **UNCOVER YOUR RISK**

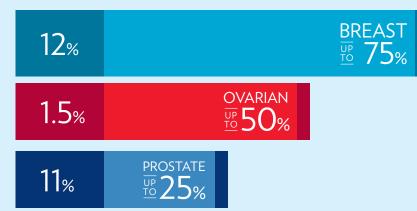
- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer
- The incidence of prostate cancer in black men in the

% = LIFETIME CANCER RISKS IN GENERAL POPULATION

INCREASED LIFETIME CANCER RISKS WITH A BRCA MUTATION

among black women in the U.S. Black women are also more likely to die from breast cancer than white women.

 Both women and men can carry BRCA mutations and pass them on to their children. U.S. is 60-80% higher than among American men of European ancestry, and their mortality rate is over two times higher.



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