

RAD51D Mutations

Cancer Risks and General Management Recommendations

RAD51D Mutation Carrier Cancer Risks	General Population Lifetime Cancer Risks	Surveillance/Management Recommendations¹
<u>Ovarian Cancer</u> ^{2,3} 7-14%	1-2%	Surgery - Consider risk-reducing salpingo-oophorectomy (RRSO) at age 45-50 years, or earlier based on ovarian cancer family history - Insufficient evidence exists to recommend an optimal age for RRSO - Further pathological examination of the ovarian specimen on RRSO can yield greater detection of ovarian cancer, and should be considered in individuals with <i>RAD51D</i> mutations⁴ Surveillance - For women who have not elected RRSO, transvaginal ultrasound combined with serum CA-125 for ovarian cancer may be considered at their clinician's discretion - The benefit of ovarian cancer surveillance is uncertain at this time

Breast cancer: The lifetime risk to develop breast cancer in women with a *RAD51D* mutation is currently unknown. Some studies indicate the *RAD51D* gene may not be associated with breast cancer at all,⁵ but other studies show that it could be a low penetrant gene for breast cancer.⁶ Current NCCN guidelines (v1.2020) state that there is a potential increased risk for triple-negative breast cancer, however there is insufficient evidence to recommend modified breast cancer risk management based on *RAD51D* mutation status alone. An individual's personal and family history should be considered in developing an appropriate surveillance plan.

Treatment: *RAD51D* mutation carriers may be sensitive to specific chemotherapy agents and thus may benefit from therapies suggested for *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* carriers, such as poly ADP ribose polymerase (PARP) inhibitors.

Other Cancer Risks: Preliminary evidence of an association between *RAD51D* mutations in prostate cancer has been proposed.⁷ However, this association has not been completely established and more information is needed.

Implications for Family Members/Reproductive Considerations

- First-degree relatives (i.e., parents, siblings, and children) have a 50% chance to have the familial *RAD51D* mutation. Second-degree relatives (i.e., nieces/nephews, aunts/uncles, and grandparents) have a 25% chance to have the familial mutation.
- For carriers of a known mutation, assisted reproduction (with or without egg or sperm donation), pre-implantation genetic testing, and prenatal diagnosis options exist.
- All family members are encouraged to pursue genetic counseling to clarify their risks. Family members can visit www.FindAGeneticCounselor.com to find genetic services near them.

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