

Many women with breast cancer want to understand genetic risks, study finds

One-third of breast cancer patients in Los Angeles and Detroit indicated strong interest in genetic testing, according to survey data reported in the [Journal of Clinical Oncology](#), particularly because they wanted to understand whether members of their family might be at risk. However, 43% of those did not have a conversation with a clinician about testing. "Our findings suggest a marked unmet need for discussion about genetic risk," said Dr. Reshma Jagsi, one of the authors. "... The public has become much more aware that genetic testing is available. But genetic risk is complex. Even patients unlikely to have elevated genetic risk may still benefit from a discussion." [HealthDay News](#) (4/6)