

BRCA LINK NI 

A Genetic Cancer Link Group

We are a voluntary organisation in Northern Ireland helping people to access information and support about BRCA genetic mutations whilst raising awareness of Hereditary Cancers linked within families who are at risk.

We work in co-operation with breast cancer researchers at Queen's University Belfast. In addition we are linked to hospital based programs in cancer genetics, oncology, surgery, gynaecology and plastic and reconstructive surgery, to assist in giving carriers the information and support they need to make an informed decision about their health.

Women at higher risk of breast cancer are now being offered breast surveillance screening at an earlier age than women from the general population at Antrim Area Hospital. As you have been assessed by a specialist in genetics or oncology as being at a greater risk of developing breast cancer than women in the general population, we would like to invite you to contact us for support and advice. Although we are called BRCA Link we offer advice and support to women at higher risk of breast cancer for any reason, including any of the following genetic mutations: BRCA1, BRCA2, TP53, ataxia telangiectasia (A-T) homozygotes, ataxia-telangiectasia (A-T) heterozygotes; or because of supradiaphragmatic radiotherapy treatment before the age of 30.

BRCA Link NI organises group meetings throughout the year. One of them is a formal meeting with the researchers and relevant speakers around the Hereditary Cancer Topics. It is our annual link with the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB) at Queens University Belfast. Our other meetings are more informal and provide the chance to link with other High Risk families and friends. We keep our members posted on these meetings via our mailings and FACEBOOK posts. At request, many of us are happy to meet over a coffee.

If you would like to get in touch with us please email brcani@live.co.uk or link with FACEBOOK (BRCA Link NI). Alternatively call Hazel Carson on 07711511831.