



Gene Connect

Talk to someone
who has been there



For cancer information and support, call 13 11 20
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Carrying a gene that increases your cancer risk often causes distress. Many people find it helpful to talk to someone who has ‘been there before’.

Gene Connect is a free phone service where you can talk to a trained volunteer who has been through a similar experience. It is part of our Cancer Connect program, and you will be able to:

- Receive practical tips, empathy and support over the phone
- Discuss concerns and challenges
- Gain a better understanding of what to expect.

Gene Connect is suitable for you if you have:

- Just discovered your genetic risk
- Have taken, or are considering taking, preventative measures to reduce your cancer risk
- A cancer diagnosis.

Conversations are confidential and you can arrange to speak over the phone at a time that suits you.

“It was scary, I felt quite overwhelmed at times. Talking with someone who’d had to deal with it too was reassuring and really helped me think things through.”

Caroline, BRCA1 carrier.



How do I find out more?

Call a cancer nurse on 13 11 20

For other languages call 13 14 50

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