

Many women with breast or ovarian cancer genes don't opt for interventions

Many women who carry the high-risk genes for breast and ovarian cancer are not taking preventive steps such as surgery or medication to reduce their chance of developing the cancers.

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre research found only a minority of women with the genetic mutations BRCA1 and BRCA2 undertook risk-reducing interventions.

Of the 325 Victorians carrying the genes, only 21 per cent had a mastectomy, 38 per cent had both ovaries and fallopian tubes removed and 3 per cent had medication as part of a clinical trial.

According to data from the Kathleen Cuninghame Foundation Consortium for Research into Familial Breast Cancer, almost a quarter of the women developed cancer.

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