Genetic testing for women diagnosed with ovarian cancer

Purpose

Cancer Australia Position Statements address significant clinical issues, emerging issues in cancer control and issues of ongoing interest, using the best available evidence.

The purpose of this Position Statement is to provide information and recommendations on genetic testing for women diagnosed with invasive epithelial ovarian cancer, based on available evidence and on consensus. The scope of this Position Statement encompasses genetic testing for heritable, or germline, gene mutations, with a focus on genetic testing of BRCA1 and BRCA2. The intended audiences are health professionals, medical colleges, consumers, media and policy makers.

This Position Statement has been endorsed by the Australian Society of Gynaecologic Oncologists, the Human Genetics Society of Australasia, the Medical Oncology Group of Australia, Ovarian Cancer Australia, and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.