



## **Myriad Genetics Cancer Risk Survey**

### ***Ovarian Cancer Screening Awareness***

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*Data tables from a national poll among American women regarding Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and ovarian cancer screening.*

## About the Poll

Myriad Genetics Cancer Risk Survey is a nationwide poll conducted online by ACUPOLL Precision Research, Inc. from June 20-29, 2023 among a statistically representative sample (n=1632) of U.S. females age 18+. The survey included a representative sample of women at high-risk for breast or ovarian cancer. The margin of error in survey results for the total base population at a 95% confidence interval is +/- 3%.

The results of the survey:

- Reveal awareness levels of ovarian cancer screening techniques
- Inform on the use and adoption of ovarian cancer screens among American women
- Determine what may motivate women to ask for genetic testing for ovarian cancer risk

“Elevated hereditary risk for cancer” defined as answering yes to any of the following:

- 1) personal experience with breast, ovarian, colon, rectal, pancreatic cancer at any age or uterine cancer at age 64 or younger;
- 2) blood relatives (parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts/uncles, nieces/nephews, and/or grandchildren) diagnosed with breast cancer at age 50 or younger, Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry with breast cancer at any age or ovarian cancer at any age;
- 3) blood relatives diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at any age or colon, rectal or endometrial cancer at age 49 or younger

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## Screening for Ovarian Cancer

Table 1a

To the best of your knowledge, are each of the following statements about OVARIAN CANCER true or false?

“Pap smears include testing for ovarian cancer”

	Total Base Sample	Elevated Hereditary Risk for Cancer
<i>n</i>	1,632	736
True	71%	71%
False	29%	29%

Table 1b

Have you ever had genetic testing for breast and/or ovarian cancer?

	Total Base Sample	Elevated Hereditary Risk for Cancer
<i>n</i>	1,632	736
No	83%	78%
Yes	13%	17%
I’m not sure	5%	5%

Table 1c

Which of the following, if any, are reasons it’s important to know your level of cancer risk?

	Total Base Sample	Elevated Hereditary Risk for Cancer
<i>n</i>	1,632	736
Peace of mind	55%	56%
Knowing my risk will allow me to take more appropriate preventative measures	66%	70%
Knowing my risk will help me determine if I need to have my relatives tested	31%	35%
Knowing my risk will help me determine if I need to have my children	41%	45%
Knowing my risk will help my doctor more appropriately plan treatment should I get cancer	58%	65%
There’s no importance in knowing this information	5%	5%
Other	0%	0%
None of the above	8%	5%

Table 1d

Which of the following OVARIAN HEALTH CONCERNS, if any, would encourage you to get genetic testing for ovarian cancer?

	Total Base Sample	Elevated Hereditary Risk for Cancer
<i>n</i>	1,632	736
Changes in digestive health (e.g., general abdominal discomfort or pain, bloating/feeling of fullness, even after a light meal, nausea, diarrhea, loss of appetite, unexplained weight loss/gain, etc.)	30%	37%
Pain/discomfort with sex	26%	30%
Abnormal vaginal bleeding	39%	42%
Being diagnosed with breast cancer (past or present)	22%	23%
I have a family member who has/had breast cancer	24%	25%
I have a family member who has/had ovarian cancer	38%	41%
Being diagnosed with ovarian cancer	35%	38%
Learning that I am “high risk” based on my family medical history	49%	53%
Other	1%	1%
None of the above	15%	11%

## Awareness of Breast/Ovarian Cancer Observances

Table 2a

Which month is each of the following?  
“Breast Cancer Awareness Month”

	Total Base Sample	Elevated Hereditary Risk for Cancer
<i>n</i>	1,632	736
October ( <i>correct answer</i> )	47%	53%
Don’t know/not sure	37%	32%
Any other month	16%	15%

Table 2b

Which month is each of the following?  
“Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month”

	Total Base Sample	Elevated Hereditary Risk for Cancer
<i>n</i>	1,632	736
September ( <i>correct answer</i> )	17%	22%
Don’t know/not sure	73%	69%
Any other month	10%	9%