

Medical Edge Radio from Mayo Clinic

Genetic Testing for Breast Cancer

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S TODAY'S MEDICAL EDGE FROM MAYO CLINIC.
	IF YOUR RISK OF DEVELOPING BREAST OR OVARIAN CANCER WAS MUCH GREATER THAN FOR MOST WOMEN, WOULD YOU WANT TO KNOW? WELL THERE IS A GENETIC TEST THAT CAN TELL YOU. BUT, SAYS MAYO CLINIC'S DR. SANDHYA PRUTHI, IT'S NOT A TEST YOU GIVE TO JUST ANYONE.
Sandhya Pruthi, M.D.	"WHEN ASKING WOMEN ABOUT THEIR FAMILY HISTORY WE ARE ASKING ABOUT AFFECTED FIRST-DEGREE RELATIVES -THAT'S A MOTHER, SISTER OR DAUGHTER."

	<p>IF TWO OR MORE OF THEM DEVELOPED BREAST OR OVARIAN CANCER BEFORE AGE 50, YOU MAY BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE TESTING. DR. PRUTHI SAYS FIRST YOU WOULD MEET WITH A GENETICS COUNSELOR. WHY?</p>
<p>Dr. Pruthi</p>	<p>“WE REALLY HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT THE TEST RESULT COULD GIVE THEM IS DONE BEFORE THE TESTING. THE MOST INFORMED PATIENT IS THE BETTER ONE TO KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THE RESULTS.”</p>
	<p>THE RESULTS DON'T GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL OR WILL NOT DEVELOP CANCER. BUT A POSITIVE TEST WOULD GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR LOG ONTO</p>

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