

Our genes play an important role in our overall health.

Nine out of the top 10 causes of death for Oregonians have genetic components. Our chance of developing conditions like heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and cancer can increase by having a family health history of the condition.

If you have a genetic variation for HBOC (Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer), then one of your parents is extremely likely to also have that genetic risk, and each of your siblings and children have a 50% chance of having that same risk.

Luckily, by understanding personal risk factors, we can take specific action to reduce the risk. Genetic screening for one family member can bring knowledge benefits to the whole family.



My doctor asked about my *family health history* and recommended I get *genetic screening* for the health of all the generations of my family.

ScreenWise Patient

1 in 10 patients have a family health history that qualifies them for an HBOC genetic screening referral.



Learn more about the **ScreenWise** program:

Find genetic resource information on the ScreenWise website:

oregon.gov/oha/screenwise

You can also contact us at:
screenwise.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov

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ScreenWise Program

The Oregon Health Authority's ScreenWise Program exists to reduce cancer burden and health inequities in Oregon through early detection, evidence-based care, risk factor screening, education, medical treatment referrals, and observing and tracking for public health.

It Starts with Family Health History

Asking your patients a few simple questions can plant the seed for preventative care through genetic screening for breast and ovarian cancers.



When you learn your patients' family health history, that gives you important insights and information that can inform their overall care.

If your patient answers the questions we outline here and you identify risk, your encouragement and guidance is crucial.



Questions to Ask Your Patient

- Has anyone in your family had cancer?
- What type of cancer?
- Age when they were diagnosed?
- Are they still living?
If not, at what age did they die and what caused their death?
- Have you ever collected or written down your family history of cancer?
- Have you ever discussed with your doctor what your family history of cancer could mean for your own health?

If patient is eligible:

Have your patient fill out a ScreenWise family health history form. Encourage them to visit the ScreenWise website for more information.

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You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Contact ScreenWise Program at 971-673-0581 or email screenwise.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov. We accept all relay calls or you can dial 711.



ScreenWise partners with a network of healthcare providers throughout the state to provide breast and cervical cancer screening services to eligible patients. The providers in our program include primary care providers, surgeons, imaging facilities, labs and others. We reimburse at the current Medicaid rates.

