Genetic testing can give you important health information. Obtaining a genetic test in Australia can be complicated. Depending on your personal circumstances, genetic testing can be accessed through different pathways. Here we try to simplify the process for you.

In Australia, clinicians use your family history and other factors to determine the eligibility for a publicly-funded genetic test. There’s a very high threshold to qualify for a publicly-funded genetic test, so many people are not eligible and therefore can’t find out their genetic risk.

A new analysis from Invitae, a leading medical genetics company, reveals that up to two-thirds of Australian breast cancer patients with hereditary gene variants (such as BRCA, PALB2, Lynch Syndrome and more) would not qualify for genetic testing due to the nation’s eligibility criteria and potential wait times and would be unable to access what can be life-changing knowledge.¹

Pink Hope’s mission is to empower people to be able to access a genetic test at the earliest possible point whether you are considering taking a test proactively to better understand your risk or if you have cancer yourself and are looking for answers or more personalised treatments.

We are here to help you.
Pathway for Patients

eligible for publicly funded genetic testing

Discuss your options with your local GP or reach out to your local public genetic health service or a private genetic health specialist*. Options can be found here.

IF you are eligible for a publicly funded genetic test attend pre-test genetic counselling at a family cancer clinic to learn about the implications for you and your family.

If you decide to go ahead with a test, sign a consent form, and provide a sample for genetic testing (blood, buccal or saliva).

Your results will be sent to your clinician. Attend a post-test genetic counselling session to learn what the results mean for you.

Discuss your results in full with your clinician.

who are ineligible for publicly funded genetic testing

Consider proactive genetic testing IF:

- You are worried about your family history of cancer but are ineligible for a publicly funded genetic test
- You have no family history, have never had cancer or heart disease but are interested to learn more about your risks and taking steps to be proactive about your health
- You are planning a pregnancy and would like to learn if you and your partner are both carriers of the same condition, meaning your future child could be at risk

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Consider medical-grade genetic testing through a private provider in Australia.

I have a strong family history, but am not eligible for a publicly funded genetic test. Don't give up! Remember 1 in 6 healthy adults are at increased risk for a serious health condition due to their genetics—and probably don’t even know it.


Cancer Services

Public Genetic Testing

Private Genetic Testing
- www.hgsa.org.au/asgc/find-a-genetic-counsellor
- www.invitae.com/australia
- www.eugenelabs.com