

**Bristol Regional Genetics Service Referral Guidelines**  
**Breast/Ovarian Cancer Family History**

Please address Clinical Genetics referrals to  
Consultant Geneticist:  
Dr Alan Donaldson (for Bath and Gloucestershire)  
Dr Susan Tomkins (for Bristol and Taunton)

These guidelines have been designed to direct appropriate referrals for breast/ovarian cancer family history to Clinical Genetics and/or the Family Breast Clinic and are based on published guidelines (Familial Breast Cancer. NICE clinical guidance 41 (2006)). These guidelines only apply to **asymptomatic** individuals.

**Clinical Genetics referral:** For discussion about future surveillance recommendations and/or possible genetic investigations/predictive genetic testing.

**Family Breast Clinic referral:** For discussion about current surveillance recommendations. They can then refer to Clinical Genetics if indicated.

1° relative = First degree relative i.e. parents, child, brothers, sisters  
2° relative = Second degree relative i.e. grandparent/child, aunts/uncles, nieces/nephews  
1° kinship = First degree relatives of each other  
**Do not ignore family history through a male as men can carry high-risk breast cancer genes (although the associated cancer risks for men are much lower)**

