

## **BRCA1 AND BRCA2 SEQUENCING AND/OR DELETION/DUPLICATION ANALYSIS**

- I. *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* (81162, 81163, 81164, 81165, 81166, 81167, 81216) sequencing and/or deletion/duplication analysis for hereditary breast and/or ovarian cancer susceptibility is considered **medically necessary** when:
  - A. The member is 18 years or older, **AND**
  - B. The member has a personal history of any of the following:
    1. Male (sex assigned at birth) breast cancer, **OR**
    2. Triple-negative breast cancer, **OR**
    3. Breast cancer diagnosed at age 65 or younger, **OR**
    4. Epithelial ovarian cancer (including fallopian tube cancer or peritoneal cancer), **OR**
    5. Exocrine pancreatic or ampullary cancer, **OR**
    6. Metastatic prostate cancer, **OR**
    7. High- or very-high-risk group prostate cancer, **OR**
    8. Multiple primary breast cancers (diagnosed synchronously or metachronously), **OR**
  - C. The member has a personal history of breast cancer **AND** any of the following:
    1. Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry, **OR**
    2. One or more close relatives with any of the following:
      - a) Female (sex assigned at birth) breast cancer diagnosed at age 50 years or younger, **OR**
      - b) Male (sex assigned at birth) breast cancer, **OR**
      - c) Ovarian cancer, **OR**

- d) Pancreatic cancer, **OR**
- e) Prostate cancer that is either metastatic, intermediate-risk with intraductal/criform histology, or high- or very-high-risk group, **OR**
- 3. Three or more total diagnoses of breast cancer and/or prostate cancer (any grade) on the same side of the family including the member with breast cancer, **OR**
- D. The member has a first- or second-degree relative meeting any of the above criteria, **OR**
- E. The member has metastatic breast cancer and is being considered for systemic treatment using PARP inhibitors, **OR**
- F. The member has high-risk, HER2-negative breast cancer and is being considered for adjuvant treatment with olaparib, **OR**
- G. The member's probability of having a *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* pathogenic variant is greater than 2.5% based on prior probability models (examples: Tyrer-Cuzick, BRCAPro, CanRisk).
- II. *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* (81162, 81163, 81164, 81165, 81166, 81167, 81216) sequencing and/or deletion/duplication analysis for hereditary breast and/or ovarian cancer susceptibility is considered **investigational** for all other indications.
- III. *BRCA1/BRCA2* mRNA sequencing analysis for the interpretation of variants of unknown significance (0138U), when billed in addition, is considered **investigational** because it is typically either considered an existing component of the genetic testing process for quality assurance or follow up testing without proven utility.

## DEFINITIONS

1. **Close relatives** include first, second, and third degree blood relatives on the same side of the family:

- a. **First-degree relatives** are parents, siblings, and children
  - b. **Second-degree relatives** are grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and half siblings
  - c. **Third-degree relatives** are great grandparents, great aunts, great uncles, great grandchildren, and first cousins
2. **Breast cancer:** Term that applies to patients with invasive cancer or ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS).
3. **High-risk breast cancer for olaparib therapy:** Defined as
  - a. Triple negative breast cancer treated with either:
    - i. Adjuvant chemotherapy with axillary node-positive disease or an invasive primary tumor greater than or equal to 2 cm on pathology analysis, **OR**
    - ii. Neoadjuvant chemotherapy with residual invasive breast cancer in the breast or resected lymph nodes, **OR**
  - b. Hormone receptor positive disease treated with either:
    - i. Adjuvant chemotherapy with four or more positive pathologically confirmed lymph nodes, **OR**
    - ii. Neoadjuvant chemotherapy which did not have a complete pathologic response, with a CPS+CG score [pre-treatment clinical (CS) and post-treatment pathological stage (PS), estrogen-receptor status (E) and grade (G)] of 3 or higher
4. **High-risk prostate cancer:** Defined by NCCN as an individual who has no very-high-risk features but has exactly one of the following high-risk features:
  - a. cT3a, **OR**
  - b. Grade Group 4 or Grade Group 5, **OR**
  - c. PSA > 20ng/ml
5. **Very-high-risk prostate cancer:** Defined by NCCN as an individual who has at least one of the following:
  - a. CT3b-cT4
  - b. Primary Gleason pattern 5
  - c. 2 or 3 high-risk features

- d. >4 cores with Grade Group 4 or 5

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