

# PANCREATIC CANCER AND ASHKENAZI JEWISH ANCESTRY

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CANCER  
ACTION  
NETWORK<sup>®</sup>

## PEOPLE OF ASHKENAZI JEWISH DESCENT ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF DEVELOPING PANCREATIC CANCER.<sup>1</sup>

This is because people of Ashkenazi Jewish descent are more likely than other groups to have a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation, which increases a person's lifetime risk of developing pancreatic cancer and some other cancer types. Spreading awareness in this community is important, because it can help lead to earlier detection and better outcomes for people who will be diagnosed.

## THE POWER OF HOPE AND COMMUNITY

Hope and community are at the center of taking control of your health, understanding risk and symptoms and even facing pancreatic cancer itself. There is hope for everyone diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. With the right team, right tests and right treatment, people with the disease can thrive. Community spaces like synagogues and weekly gatherings on Shabbat offer a powerful opportunity for starting a conversation about family medical history and the signs and symptoms of pancreatic cancer.

## PANCAN PATIENT SERVICES EMPOWERS YOU BY OFFERING FREE, PERSONALIZED CASE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES INCLUDING:



Help navigating genetic testing options to assess personal and familial risk



Information on risks and symptoms



Resources on how to be your own best advocate



Personalized clinical trial searches



Information on our Know Your Tumor<sup>®</sup> precision medicine service



Access to a community of other survivors and caregivers



Resources on diet and nutrition



Access to financial and insurance resources



Personalized listings of pancreatic cancer specialists

## ACTION FOR ALL PATIENTS BEGINS HERE

Our mission is to take bold action to improve the lives of everyone impacted by pancreatic cancer by advancing scientific research, building community, sharing knowledge and advocating for patients. Our vision is to create a world in which all patients with pancreatic cancer will thrive.

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