

## PAN-CANCER HEREDITARY CANCER SUSCEPTIBILITY PANELS

A pan-cancer hereditary cancer susceptibility panel includes genes that are associated with inherited susceptibility to several different types of cancer (e.g., breast cancer, colon cancer, stomach cancer, etc.).

- I. Genetic testing using a pan-cancer hereditary cancer susceptibility panel (0474U, 81432, 81433) is considered **medically necessary** when:
  - A. The member is 18 years or older, **AND**
  - B. The member meets at least one of the following:
    1. The member meets clinical criteria for *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* sequencing and/or deletion/duplication analysis, **OR**
    2. The member meets clinical criteria for Lynch syndrome/HNPCC *MLH1*, *MSH2*, *MSH6*, *PMS2*, or *EPCAM* sequencing and/or deletion/duplication analysis, **AND**
  - C. The panel includes, at a minimum, sequencing of the following genes: *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *EPCAM*, *MLH1*, *MSH2*, *MSH6*, *PMS2*.
- II. Genetic testing using a pan-cancer hereditary cancer susceptibility panel (0474U, 81432, 81433) is considered **investigational** for all other indications.
- III. Hereditary cancer susceptibility panel targeted mRNA sequencing analysis for the interpretation of variants of unknown significance (0134U), 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.

**NOTE:** If a multigene cancer panel is performed, the appropriate panel code should be used.

## **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.

## ***MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, and/or EPCAM* Sequencing and/or Deletion/Duplication Analysis**

- I. *MLH1* (81292, 81294), *MSH2* (81295, 81297), *MSH6* (81298, 81300), *PMS2* (81317, 81319), and/or *EPCAM* (81403) sequencing and/or duplication analysis for Lynch syndrome/HNPCC is considered **medically necessary** when:
  - A. The member has a Lynch syndrome-related cancer **and** the tumor shows evidence of mismatch repair (MMR) deficiency (either by microsatellite instability (MSI) or loss of MMR protein expression), **OR**
  - B. The member has a diagnosis of a Lynch syndrome-related cancer, **AND** any of the following:
    1. Diagnosed before age 50, **OR**
    2. Diagnosed at any age with an additional Lynch syndrome-related cancer, **OR**
    3. Diagnosed at any age with one or more first- or second-degree relatives diagnosed before age 50 with a Lynch syndrome-related cancer, **OR**
    4. Diagnosed at any age with two or more first- or second-degree relatives diagnosed at any age with a Lynch syndrome-related cancer, **OR**
  - C. The member has a family history of **any** of the following:
    1. One or more first-degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal or endometrial cancer before age 50, **OR**
    2. One or more first-degree relatives diagnosed with colorectal or endometrial cancer and an additional Lynch syndrome-related cancer, **OR**
    3. Two or more first- or second-degree relatives on the same side of the family diagnosed with a Lynch syndrome-related cancer, one of whom was diagnosed before age 50, **OR**
    4. Three or more first- or second-degree relatives on the same side of the family diagnosed with a Lynch syndrome-related cancer, **OR**

- D. The member has a 5% or greater risk of having Lynch syndrome based on one of the following variant prediction models: MMRpro, PREMM5, MMRpredict, **OR**
  - E. The member has a personal history of colorectal and/or endometrial cancer with a PREMM5 score of 2.5% or greater.
- II. *MLH1* (81292, 81294), *MSH2* (81295, 81297), *MSH6* (81298, 81300), *PMS2* (81317, 81319), and/or *EPCAM* (81403) sequencing and/or duplication analysis for Lynch syndrome/HNPCC is considered **investigational** for all other indications.
  - III. *MLH1*, *MSH2*, *MSH6*, *PMS2* and *EPCAM* mRNA sequencing analysis for the interpretation of variants of unknown significance (0158U, 0159U, 0160U, 0161U, 0162U), 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** is defined by NCCN as “those with  $\geq 4$

positive lymph nodes (confirmed preoperatively and/or at surgery), or 1–3 positive lymph nodes with either grade 3 disease or tumor size  $\geq 5$  cm (on pre-operative imaging and/ or at surgery)". (p. BINV-K)

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
6. **Lynch syndrome-related cancer:** Defined as any of the following cancer types: colorectal, endometrial, gastric, ovarian, pancreatic, ureter and renal pelvic, brain (usually glioblastoma), biliary tract, small intestinal, sebaceous adenoma, sebaceous carcinoma, or keratoacanthoma.

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