

[Breast Cancer - Inflammatory - Risk Factors](#) [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will find out more about the factors that increase the chance of developing this type of cancer. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

A risk factor is anything that increases a person's chance of developing cancer. Although risk factors often influence the risk of developing cancer, most do not directly cause cancer. Some people with several risk factors never develop cancer, while others with no known risk factors do. However, knowing your risk factors and talking about them with your doctor may help you make more informed lifestyle and health care choices.

The risk factors for inflammatory breast cancer are the same as those for [other forms of breast cancer](#) [3]. It is not known what specific factors can raise a woman's risk of inflammatory breast cancer. A family history of breast cancer in general may increase the risk of developing inflammatory breast cancer, but no specific genetic mutations or changes have been found for this type of breast cancer. However, women with genetic mutations that increase the risk of breast cancer may have a higher risk of developing inflammatory breast cancer.

Prevention

Different factors cause different types of cancer. Researchers continue to look into what factors cause this type of cancer. Although there is no proven way to completely prevent this disease, you may be able to lower your risk. Talk with your doctor for more information about your personal risk of cancer. The methods used for prevention of inflammatory breast cancer are similar to those used for other types of breast cancer. Learn more about [breast cancer prevention](#) [3].

The [next section in this guide is Screening](#) [4] and it explains how tests may find cancer before

signs or symptoms appear. Or, use the menu on the side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.

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[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/18621>

[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/34566>