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Understanding of Multigene Test Results Among Males Undergoing Germline Testing for Inherited Prostate Cancer: Implications for Genetic Counseling

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Abstract

Background—Genetic testing (GT) for prostate cancer (PCA) is rising, with limited insights regarding genetic counseling (GC) needs of males. Genetic Evaluation of Men (GEM) is a prospective multigene testing study for inherited PCA. Men undergoing GC were surveyed on knowledge of cancer risk and genetics (CRG) and understanding of personal GT results to identify GC needs.

Methods—GEM participants with or high-risk for PCA were recruited. Pre-test GC was in-person, with video and handout, or via telehealth. Post-test disclosure was in-person, by phone, or via telehealth. Clinical and family history data were obtained from participant surveys and medical records. Participants completed measures of knowledge of CRG, literacy, and numeracy pre-test and post-test. Understanding of personal genetic results was assessed post-test. Factors associated with knowledge of CRG and understanding of personal genetic results were examined using multivariable linear regression or McNemar's test.

Results—Among 109 men who completed pre- and post-GT surveys, multivariable analysis revealed family history meeting hereditary cancer syndrome (HCS) criteria was significantly predictive of higher baseline knowledge ($p=0.040$). Of 101 men who responded definitively regarding understanding of results, 13 incorrectly reported their result (McNemar's $p < 0.001$). Factors significantly associated with discordance between reported and actual results included

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having a variant of uncertain significance (VUS) ($p < 0.001$) and undergoing GC via pre-test video and post-test phone disclosure ($p = 0.015$).

Conclusions—While meeting criteria for HCS was associated with higher knowledge of CRG, understanding of personal GT results was lacking among males with VUS. A more exploratory finding was lack of understanding of results among men who underwent GC utilizing video and phone. Studies optimizing GC strategies for males undergoing multigene testing for inherited PCA are warranted.

Keywords

genetic testing; genetic counseling; prostate cancer; multigene testing; understanding of test results

Introduction

Approximately 5-20% of prostate cancer (PCA) is due to a strong-to-moderate inherited genetic predisposition.¹ Multiple genes have been associated with inherited PCA including *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, and *HOXB13*, with data emerging regarding DNA mismatch repair genes also predisposing to PCA.^{1,2} Furthermore, tumor sequencing studies in metastatic PCA are identifying inherited mutations in a broader range of DNA repair genes in up to 20% of patients.³⁻⁵ Multiple commercial genetic testing laboratories now offer multigene tests for PCA, including genes with strong evidence of PCA predisposition, genes with lesser degree of evidence for PCA risk, and genes with limited/no data in the context of PCA.⁶⁻⁷ Furthermore, NCCN guidelines have expanded genetic testing recommendations for PCA to include testing men with high risk to metastatic disease, or even lower risk/earlier stage disease based upon family history of cancers suggestive of hereditary breast and ovarian cancer or Lynch syndrome.⁸⁻¹⁰ Indeed, multigene testing is included as a consideration for testing by the NCCN Prostate Cancer treatment guideline (Version 1.2018) including *BRCA1/2*, *ATM*, *PALB2*, and *FANCA*, to inform options for precision treatment, clinical trials, and active surveillance discussions.⁹ Two consensus conferences also addressed genetic testing for PCA – one providing expert guidance on multigene testing based upon familial and personal cancer features and considerations for management and the other focused on genetic testing in the advanced stage setting.^{7,11} Thus, the rapid expansion in guidelines and expert opinion regarding genetic testing for men with PCA will lead to increased multigene testing, necessitating focused efforts to optimize genetic counseling (GC) among males.

Research regarding genetic testing and counseling for PCA among males is limited. Early studies showed that men were generally interested in genetic testing.¹²⁻¹⁴ Interest was primarily higher among men with a documented family history of PCA or those reporting increased levels of worry about a PCA diagnosis.¹²⁻¹⁴ But there is limited data regarding knowledge and understanding of actual genetic test results among males undergoing genetic evaluation for inherited PCA. Current advances in genetic testing availability present an opportunity to explore knowledge and understanding of PCA risk and genetics to optimize the GC experience.

GC for inherited cancer risk involves intake of medical history, family cancer history, and other risk factors followed by discussion of cancer inheritance, genetic test options, types of genetic test results, cancer risks based on genetic test results, screening recommendations, risk reduction options, reproductive implications, and financial considerations.^{15–17} Multigene testing can raise the complexity of these discussions, necessitating review of patients' understanding of their results to ensure appropriate screening, medical management, and sharing of results with family members regarding positive, uncertain, and negative genetic test results. In particular, understanding of variants of uncertain significance (VUS) can be a challenge. As multigene testing has increased, rates of VUS have also risen.^{6,18} VUS are reported to patients in their genetic test results, but have no implications on management at the time of reporting. VUS are followed over time by genetic testing laboratories for evidence in support of pathogenicity. VUS can be reclassified over time to "benign" or "likely pathogenic/pathogenic" depending on accumulating evidence, which necessitates that patients with VUS keep in contact with their genetics program over time to learn of any reclassification of their findings. These considerations regarding VUS need to be clearly understood by patients in order to proceed with appropriate screening, management, and follow-up. Data regarding understanding of personal genetic test results in males undergoing multigene testing for PCA are currently lacking.

Cancer GC has traditionally been practiced in person, with patients travelling to a health care facility to meet with a trained genetics counselor.¹⁹ The increasing uptake of genetic testing is leading to a higher demand for genetic counselors, with a need to explore alternate GC delivery methods, such as through telephone and telehealth. Alternate service delivery models have been tested and evaluated primarily in the context of GC for breast and ovarian cancers,^{20–22} but little research has been devoted specifically to genetic testing for inherited PCA risk and GC delivery in men.

Genetic Evaluation of Men (GEM) is a prospective multigene testing study for PCA susceptibility in the context of GC. Initial analysis of the GEM study found that 5.5% of 200 males had a genetic mutation identified from multigene testing, and 35% of the cohort had a VUS identified.⁶ We surveyed men pre-genetic testing and post-genetic testing regarding knowledge of cancer risk and genetics and understanding of their personal genetic test results for insights into the needs of men undergoing germline genetic testing for inherited PCA.

Materials and Methods

Eligibility criteria

Eligibility criteria for the GEM study have been described in detail previously.⁶ Briefly, men with PCA were referred for genetic evaluation from treatment clinics at Site 1 (Fox Chase Cancer Center - FCCC) and Site 2 (Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center - SKCC) at Thomas Jefferson University (TJU). Unaffected males were referred primarily from screening efforts at both institutions.²³ Affected men from Site 1 and Site 2 were recruited from medical oncology, urology, and radiation oncology clinics. At Site 2, referrals are also from the GU Multidisciplinary Clinic where men with PCA receive multidisciplinary evaluation, treatment planning, and an opportunity to engage in genetic evaluation.²⁴ Family history

eligibility criteria for GEM are modeled after other cancers and include a combination of young age of PCA diagnosis, African American race, family history of PCA, family history of hereditary cancer syndrome (HCS)-associated cancers, and family history meeting strict criteria for HCS.⁶ Furthermore, pathologic eligibility criteria include Gleason >7, T3 disease, or metastatic disease.⁶ GEM is approved by the IRB at SKCC and FCCC.

GC and multigene testing

Participants of GEM undergo pre-test and post-test GC employing various counseling delivery methods. Figure I displays the study flow, counseling, and timepoints of survey administration. Site 1 employs a pre-test counseling video that shows a genetic counselor delivering counseling information, along with a printed handout of the slide deck of information presented in the video, followed by a research assistant answering participant questions and proceeding with informed consent for the study. Site 2 performs pre-test counseling by a genetic counselor and physician (VNG) in-person or by telehealth. For telehealth visits, the appointment is arranged through the electronic medical system, where the patient and provider log in at the scheduled time for counseling to be delivered over the virtual interface. Patients may use their ipad, computer, or smartphone for telehealth visits.

Informed consent was obtained after pre-test counseling. Blood was drawn for a 25-gene panel (later increased to 28-gene panel). Genetic testing was performed at a commercial genetic testing laboratory, with a clinical report generated. Approximately 4-8 weeks later, participants received their clinical genetic test results with a discussion of genetic findings, cancer risks, and screening recommendations. At Site 1, these results are delivered in-person if a participant has a mutation, by phone by a genetic counselor if a participant has a VUS, or by phone by the study coordinator if the test result was a negative result. Those with a VUS were encouraged by the genetic counselor to make an in-person appointment with a genetic counselor and medical provider (EO). At Site 2, all results are delivered in-person or by telehealth by the genetic counselor and medical provider (VNG).

Measures

Study measures were administered at two timepoints. A pre-test survey was administered after GC and prior to genetic testing, and a post-test survey was administered after genetic results were disclosed (Figure I)

Baseline questionnaires collected demographic and health history information including current age (at study entry), age at PCA diagnosis, personal medical history, family history of cancer, education level, marital status, race, and PCA stage/grade. The pre-test behavioral survey (administered after GC and informed consent) included measures of knowledge of PCA risk and genetics, health literacy, and numeracy. Knowledge of PCA risk and genetics was assessed using a 15-item scale adapted from prior studies of cancer genetics.^{14,25,26} Respondents answered each statement by marking “True” or “False.” Each correct answer was scored with a point, with higher scores reflecting greater knowledge. Scores could range from 0 to 15. Health literacy was measured using 3 items from the Short Test of Functional Health Literacy in Adults (STOHFLA) (Cronbach’s alpha 0.97).²⁷ These items include: (1) “How often do you have someone help you read hospital materials?” (2) “How confident are

you filling out medical forms by yourself?” and (3) “How often do you have problems learning about your medical condition because of difficulty understanding written information?” These items have been validated across studies and determined to be sensitive for identifying inadequate health literacy.²⁷ Numeracy was assessed using a three-question survey used in prior studies and was scored as the total number of correct responses.²⁸ Post-test survey re-tested on knowledge of PCA risk and genetics, health literacy, numeracy, and included an additional question addressing understanding of personal genetic test results: “I was found to carry a genetic mutation (a genetic change)”] (yes, no, don’t know).

Statistical methods

Participants completing both the pre- and post-test surveys were included in analyses. Participant demographic characteristics as well as family history of cancer were summarized with counts and percentages overall and within study site. Differences in subject characteristics between sites were assessed using Fisher’s exact tests and t-tests where appropriate. Associations between both pre-test knowledge and change in knowledge were assessed using linear regression. Univariable models were followed by multivariable models adjusting for all available covariates: age at consent, PCA diagnosis, family history of any cancer, status of any HCS, education level, literacy and numeracy.

In order to evaluate concordance of self-reported genetic test results with actual genetic test results, McNemar’s test of agreement was performed on the men who definitely reported their genetic test results; that is, excluding those who were unsure. Fisher’s exact tests and t-tests were used to explore univariable associations between discordance between self-reported genetic test results and genetic test results with demographic characteristics, family history, baseline knowledge and genetic test results (categorized as negative, VUS only, mutation). For all analyses, alpha was set at 0.05. All analyses were performed in SAS 9.4 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC).

Results

Cohort characteristics

At the time of this analysis, 200 men were enrolled in the GEM clinical multigene testing study and all were offered survey completion at the pre-test and post-test timepoints. Of the 200 men, 109 completed both pre-test and post-test surveys, with a survey completion rate of 54.5%, and those were included in this analysis. There was a significant difference between responders and non-responders by HCS status, where 80% of those with HCS responded to the surveys vs. 44.8% without a HCS ($p < 0.001$) (Supplementary Table I). The demographic characteristics of this cohort of 109 males is shown in Table I. The mean age of the cohort was 62.5 years (SD 8.1 years). White males comprised 80.7% of the cohort, and 86.2% of the cohort was married. Education status was at least some college or higher for 83.5% of the cohort. There was a significant difference in education level and PCA status by site (Supplementary Tables II-III). Greater percentage of participants at Site 1 had some college or less education while at Site 2 participants had college or higher education ($p = 0.025$) (Supplementary Table II). PCA status was higher among participants at Site 2 compared to Site 1 ($p < 0.001$) (Supplementary Table III).

Personal and family history characteristics are shown in Table II. Overall, 58.7% of males were diagnosed with PCA, and 40.4% of the cohort reported family history information meeting criteria for any of three HCS in which PCA has been implicated (Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer [HBOC], Lynch syndrome [LS], and hereditary PCA [HPC]). Family history of PCA was reported in 71.6% of the cohort, followed by family history of breast cancer in 47.7%.

Knowledge of cancer risk and genetics

Correct responses for the 15 knowledge items ranged from 12.8-86.2% for the pre-test survey and 22.9-95.4% for the post-test survey. The mean change in overall knowledge score from pre-test to post-test was 0.8 (SD 2.6, $p=0.001$). Table III displays results of univariable analysis of factors associated with knowledge of cancer risk and genetics from the pre-test survey. Higher pre-test knowledge of cancer risk and genetics was associated with meeting criteria for a HCS ($p=0.006$) and higher numeracy ($p=0.025$). On multivariable analysis, family history meeting criteria for a HCS remained significantly predictive of higher pre-test knowledge ($p=0.040$) (Table IV). No factors were associated with change in knowledge from pre-test to post-test timepoints.

Understanding of personal genetic test results

Of 101 men who responded definitively regarding understanding of personal genetic test results (6 responded “don’t know” and 2 provided no answer), 88 men responded correctly regarding their genetic test result and 13 responded incorrectly, i.e. answering that they carry a genetic mutation when their result showed no mutation (McNemar’s $p < 0.001$). Of these 13 men, 12 men reported they had a mutation when their test report revealed ≥ 1 VUS, and one male reported having a mutation when his result was negative. Overall, having a VUS genetic test result was significantly associated with incorrectly reporting genetic test results ($p < 0.001$). Furthermore, undergoing GC utilizing pre-test video and post-test phone disclosure was also associated with lack of understanding genetic test results ($p=0.015$), which likely pertained to the participants receiving VUS results. Table V provides detailed personal and family history characteristics of participants, along with rates of discordance regarding self-report vs. actual test results. Other factors such as age, race, education status, literacy, or numeracy were not associated with discordance between reported vs. actual genetic test results. Interestingly, family history of a HCS ($p=0.039$) or family history of breast cancer ($p=0.017$) were associated with accurate understanding of personal genetic test results.

Discussion

Genetic testing for inherited PCA is expected to increase with greater testing capability and expansion of guidelines.⁶⁻¹¹ Recent updates to the NCCN guidelines include multigene testing for men with PCA factoring in family history and risk/stage of disease.⁹ With expected increased testing comes a need to provide men with meaningful GC to understand their test results. Furthermore, the rise in genetic testing is creating a greater need for access to GC, particularly with increasing awareness and acceptance of genetic testing among the general public.^{29,30} Since genetic testing for PCA is a relatively new field, focused efforts

are needed to optimize the counseling experience for men undergoing genetic testing for inherited PCA.

Our results show that men with a personal/family history of HCS had higher knowledge of cancer risk and genetics, as well as greater understanding of personal genetic test results. When evaluating understanding by genetic results, having a VUS was associated with misconception of the interpretation of this finding, with 12 out of 13 men stating that they had a mutation when they actually had a VUS. Since VUS are reported in approximately a third of individuals who undergo multigene testing,^{6,18} it is important to address understanding of VUS since a substantial proportion of men undergoing multigene testing may have this finding. The potential risks of this lack of understanding include miscommunication of results to providers resulting possibly in unnecessary screening and/or risk reducing measures which may not be warranted. Furthermore, men and their families may have significant anxiety if they misunderstand a VUS finding as a mutation and subsequently pass on misinformation to relatives. Our data support the need to develop strategies to reinforce understanding of genetic findings, particularly VUS, among males undergoing multigene testing for PCA.

Our exploratory findings regarding understanding of personal genetic test results by mode of counseling delivery suggest that men who underwent GC utilizing a pre-test video and post-test phone disclosure had possible lack of an understanding of what their genetic test results meant than those who completed GC in person or via telehealth. This is particularly relevant for men who receive VUS findings, as these men had less understand their results. Since GC expertise is in demand, employing alternate delivery methods such as telephone, video, and telehealth will need to be thoughtfully utilized with attention to the needs and understanding of men undergoing genetic testing for inherited PCA. It has been suggested that patients may be most satisfied when they are allowed to choose the method of their GC,³¹ although this an area ripe for future research.

Personalized medicine and pre-symptomatic genetic testing has received an abundance of attention from the media and healthcare providers yet understanding the impact of these tests on patient understanding and behaviors has been slow to follow. This is particularly of concern for genetic testing and counseling for men, as studies in this patient population have not been as extensively performed. The public's perception of the accuracy and utility of genetic testing is frequently overestimated,³² and was seen to some extent in the results of our study. Education delivered by a healthcare professional has been shown to increase a patient's knowledge about their test results and their feelings of personal control, while decreasing levels of anxiety and cancer fatalism.³³⁻³⁵ Our results support developing and evaluating theoretically-driven, structured education protocols for PCA genetic testing that are also culturally appropriate and targeted to the specific psychological needs of the population.³⁶

There are some limitations of this study that should be considered. The overall sample size is fairly small, and larger studies are needed to confirm our findings. Our cohort consisted of mostly White males with higher education level. Evaluation of genetic understanding is greatly needed in diverse populations to develop culturally-tailored strategies to reinforce

understanding. Strategies for men with lower education levels are also needed. Completion of pre- and post-test surveys was 54.5%, with greater response rate among participants with a family history meeting criteria for a HCS, which may have impacted our findings. Additionally, misinterpretation of survey questions may have impacted responses. Confirmation of our findings is important. The exploratory results focused on understanding of test results by mode of counseling delivery were non-randomized by site and could have been confounded by site practice factors and patient populations. Our results point to the need for a formal randomized study testing various modes of counseling delivery focused on genetic testing for inherited PCA.

Conclusion

In summary, our results highlight the need for targeted strategies to reinforce understanding of genetic test results for greater impact on appropriate cancer management and enhanced patient experience with the genetic evaluation process. These efforts need to be focused in men receiving VUS results, as well as employing various models of counseling delivery for optimal GC and testing experience for men undergoing genetic evaluation for inherited PCA.

Supplementary Material

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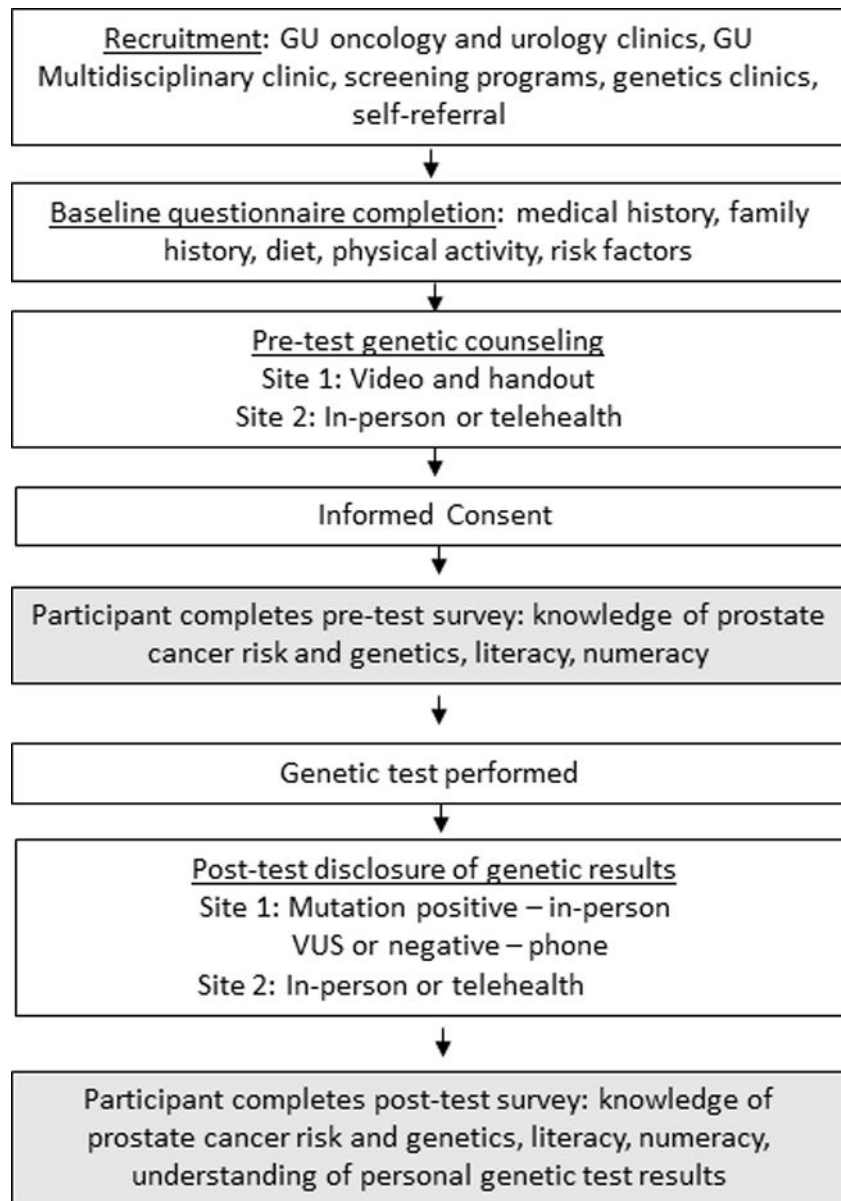


Figure 1.
GEM Clinical Multigene Testing Study Flow

Table I

Demographic Characteristics of the Cohort Analyzed

	All	
All	109	100.0
Site*, N (%)		
Site 1	55	50.5
Site 2	54	49.5
Age, mean (SD)	62.5	8.1
Age, N (%)		
30–39	1	0.9
40–49	6	5.5
50–59	28	25.7
60–69	55	50.5
70–79	18	16.5
80–89	1	0.9
Race, N (%)		
<i>No answer</i>	1	0.9
White	88	80.7
Black or African American	17	15.6
Asian	2	1.8
Multiracial	1	0.9
Hispanic, N (%)		
<i>No answer</i>	7	6.4
No	101	92.7
Yes	1	0.9
Ashkenazi Jewish, N (%)		
<i>No answer</i>	2	1.8
No	92	84.4
Yes	12	11.0
Unsure	3	2.8
Marital Status, N (%)		
<i>No answer</i>	1	0.9
Never Married	3	2.8
Married/Living with Partner	94	86.2
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	11	10.1
Education, N (%)		
<i>No answer</i>	1	0.9
Less than high school	1	0.9
HS/GED or Vocational/Technical School	16	14.7

	All	
Some College/Associate's Degree	15	13.8
Bachelor's Degree or higher	76	69.7

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Table II

Personal and Family History Characteristics of Cohort Analyzed (n=109)

	All	
Prostate Cancer Diagnosis, N (%)		
No	45	41.3
Yes	64	58.7
Hereditary Cancer Syndrome, N (%)		
No	65	59.6
Yes	44	40.4
HPC	11	10.1
LS	3	2.8
HBOC	22	20.2
HBOC&HPC	4	3.7
HBOC&LS	4	3.7
Family History of Cancer, N (%)		
None	7	6.4
Any	102	93.6
Prostate	78	71.6
Breast	52	47.7
Ovarian	14	12.8
Colon	26	23.9
Pancreatic	7	6.4
Family History of Cancer (in FDRs only), N (%)		
None	12	11.0
Any	97	89.0
Prostate	62	56.9
Breast	30	27.5
Ovarian	3	2.8
Colon	15	13.8
Pancreatic	3	2.8

Abbreviations: HPC-Hereditary prostate cancer; LS-Lynch syndrome; HBOC-Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer; FDR-first-degree relative

Table III

Univariable analysis of factors associated with pre-test cancer genetics knowledge

	Estimate	95% CI	p-value
Site*			
Site 1	REF	REF	—
Site 2	0.0	(-1.20,1.27)	0.959
Age			
+ 10 years	-0.3	(-1.02,0.50)	0.504
Prostate Cancer			
Yes	-0.8	(-2.07,0.41)	0.187
No	REF	REF	—
Family History			
Yes	2.3	(-0.16,4.77)	0.067
No	REF	REF	—
HCS			
Yes	1.7	(0.50,2.93)	0.006
No	REF	REF	—
Education			
Less than high school	REF	REF	—
HS/GED or Vocational/Technical School	-0.8	(-7.44,5.82)	0.808
Some College/Associate's Degree	-0.7	(-7.31,5.98)	0.843
Bachelor's Degree or higher	0.1	(-6.35,6.59)	0.971
Literacy			
+ 1 point	0.3	(-0.55,1.18)	0.471
Numeracy			
+ 1 point	0.8	(0.11,1.55)	0.025

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Table IV

Multivariable analysis of factors associated with pre-test cancer genetics knowledge

	Estimate	95% CI	p-value
Intercept	8.2	(-2.22,18.64)	0.121
Site*			
Site 1	REF	REF	—
Site 2	0.5	(-1.06,2.06)	0.526
Age			
+ 10 years	-0.0	(-0.80,0.79)	0.992
Prostate Cancer			
Yes	-1.5	(-3.12,0.08)	0.063
No	REF	REF	—
Family History			
Yes	1.6	(-1.01,4.20)	0.227
No	REF	REF	—
HCS			
Yes	1.4	(0.07,2.70)	0.040
No	REF	REF	—
Education			
Less than high school	REF	REF	—
HS/GED or Vocational/Technical School	-1.5	(-8.21,5.12)	0.647
Some College/Associate's Degree	-2.2	(-8.77,4.45)	0.518
Bachelor's Degree or higher	-1.8	(-8.29,4.78)	0.595
Literacy			
+ 1 point	0.0	(-0.99,1.07)	0.938
Numeracy			
+ 1 point	0.8	(-0.05,1.65)	0.063

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Factors associated with understanding of personal genetic test results among males undergoing multigene testing for suspected inherited prostate cancer

Table V

	Discordance between self-reported vs. actual genetic test results		p-value
	No	Yes	
All	88 (100.0)	13 (100.0)	0.015
Site*			
Site 1	41 (46.6)	11 (84.6)	
Site 2	47 (53.4)	2 (15.4)	
Age, Mean (SD)	62.6 (8.5)	62.5 (5.9)	0.941
Age, N (%)			>0.999
30–49	6 (6.8)	0 (0.0)	
50–64	43 (48.9)	7 (53.8)	
65–89	39 (44.3)	6 (46.2)	
Race, N (%)			>0.999
Not answered	1 (1.1)	0 (0.0)	
White	73 (83.0)	11 (84.6)	
Black or African American	12 (13.6)	2 (15.4)	
Asian	1 (1.1)	0 (0.0)	
Multiracial	1 (1.1)	0 (0.0)	
Education, N (%)			0.617
Not answered	1 (1.1)	0 (0.0)	
Less than high school	1 (1.1)	0 (0.0)	
HS/GED or Vocational/Technical School	11 (12.5)	2 (15.4)	
Some College/Associate's Degree	12 (13.6)	3 (23.1)	
Bachelor's Degree or higher	63 (71.6)	8 (61.5)	
Knowledge Score, Mean (SD)	10.1 (2.9)	9.0 (3.5)	0.283
Literacy Score, Mean (SD)	4.3 (0.7)	4.3 (0.7)	0.895
Numeracy Score, Mean (SD)	2.4 (0.8)	2.4 (1.0)	0.985
Prostate Cancer Diagnosis, N (%)	52 (59.1)	6 (46.2)	0.388

	Discordance between self-reported vs. actual genetic test results		p-value
	No	Yes	
Age of Diagnosis, Mean (SD)	60.2 (6.3)	6 (60.2)	0.988
Age of Diagnosis, N (%)			0.354
30–49	3 (5.8)	1 (16.7)	
50–64	34 (65.4)	3 (50.0)	
65–89	15 (28.8)	2 (33.3)	
Family history of HCS, N (%)	41 (46.6)	2 (15.4)	0.039
Family History (FDRs), N (%)			
Cancer, any site	81 (92.0)	10 (76.9)	0.118
Prostate	53 (60.2)	6 (46.2)	0.377
Breast	27 (30.7)	2 (15.4)	0.338
Ovarian	3 (3.4)	0 (0.0)	>0.999
Colon	12 (13.6)	3 (23.1)	0.404
Pancreatic	3 (3.4)	0 (0.0)	>0.999
Family History (any relative), N (%)			
Cancer, any site	84 (95.5)	11 (84.6)	0.171
Prostate	66 (75.0)	7 (53.8)	0.180
Breast	46 (52.3)	2 (15.4)	0.017
Ovarian	14 (15.9)	0 (0.0)	0.205
Colon	19 (21.6)	6 (46.2)	0.082
Pancreatic	7 (8.0)	0 (0.0)	0.590
Genetic test result of VUS	18 (20.5)	12 (92.3)	< 0.001

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