

Letter of invitation

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We would like to invite you to take part in the GCaPPS project. GCaPPS is going to investigate the acceptability of offering genetic testing for the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes to everybody in the Ashkenazi Jewish community in London. This test identifies people who are at higher-than-average risk of developing breast, ovarian or prostate cancer. It is done from a blood sample obtained simply as for any other blood test.

Please take some time to read the enclosed flyer which contains more information on the project. It is run by health professionals under the leadership of Professor Ian Jacobs and coordinated by University College London. It is the result of collaborative work with leading doctors and scientists in the UK, Israel and the USA.

You can take part if you are over 18 and all your grandparents are of Ashkenazi Jewish descent. Please fill in the reply slip attached to the flyer and post it to the GCaPPS team at the 'Freepost' address (no stamp needed): "Freepost RRYB-GZET-UXCK, GCaPPS, University College London, GCRC, London W1T 7DN".

You can also email gcapps@ucl.ac.uk or write to Dr. Ranjit Manchanda (study co-ordinator) at the above address. If you decide to take part, the GCaPPS team will contact you to arrange an appointment for genetic counselling and send you more detailed information on the project. You can obtain more information from the website **www.gcapps.org.uk**.

We look forward to receiving your reply slip.

Kind regards,

GCaPPS team

The project is currently funded by the The Eve Appeal charity which supports groundbreaking research into gynaecological cancers and by Boots as part of their ongoing support of The Eve Appeal.