BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER RISK REDUCTION OPTIONS FOR WOMEN WITH PATHOGENIC VARIABLES IN THE BRCA1 AND BRCA2 GENES

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Introduction: Most breast and ovarian cancers in women are sporadic. However, five to ten percent of these individuals may have an inherited predisposition to cancer (Famorca-Tram, 2015). Women with pathogenic variants in BRCA1 are at risk of breast cancer of up to 72% and of ovarian cancer of up to 44%. Pathogenic variants of the BRCA2 gene increase the risk of breast cancer by up to 69% and of ovarian cancer by up to 25%. Risk reduction measures include: risk-reducing mastectomy, salpingo-oophorectomy, and chemoprevention. For women who do not choose any of these measures, follow-up with periodic examinations is necessary. In this work, the risk reduction measures adopted by 52 women with pathogenic variants in BRCA1 or BRCA2 in a tertiary hospital in São Paulo, Brazil, are analyzed. In addition, it was analyzed what factors could influence the risk-reducing measure adopted. Materials and methods: cross-sectional study with a sample of 52 women with pathogenic variants identified in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes seen at a tertiary hospital. Results: 80.8% opted for surgical management as a risk-reducing measure, with 46.2% of women having had prophylactic mastectomy, 11.5% having had bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy, and 23.1% having undergone both surgical procedures. Non-surgical management occurred in 19.2% of the cases, with 8% (3 cases) undergoing chemoprophylaxis with tamoxifen and 15.4% undergoing surveillance. Conclusion: Most patients opted for surgical intervention, with risk-reducing mastectomy being the most frequent one, followed by salpingo-oophorectomy. When testing was not requested by the geneticist, there was a greater tendency toward the surgical option.