

NuGenA- NUrse GENetic counsellor led community health campaign on Awareness of hereditary women's cancer in India Study PI: Asima Mukhopadhyay

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Trial setting: Primary ovarian cancer prevention **Trial status** – New Concept development stage Trial Model: Academic (A)

Study Design: Observational/Epidemiological study / Implementation research **Peer Review**:

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Background: A significant proportion of women's cancers have a hereditary background with germline mutations which have impact on screening and prevention strategies. But there is lack of knowledge especially in the community regarding onset/symptoms of cancer leading to late diagnosis. Previous work done piloted a study in a regional cancer center in Kolkata, India where a research nurse was trained in various genetic clinics in India and UK; following nurse led counseling, more patients and their relatives identified their risks and were encouraged to get themselves tested. Patient-satisfaction/follow up rate and acceptance by was remarkably high as patients could spend more time with the nurses Hence, Nurses after adequate training can be an **excellent link to motivate patient-public initiatives and develop community-based awareness and health campaigns on familial disorders and genetic counseling.**

Objectives:

1)To identify whether implementation of a nurse led genetic clinic in loco-regional centers has **enabled in identifying more patients at risk of hereditary gynecological cancers** through screening campaigns and adequate testing

2)To assess whether **cancer survivors** (and friends/relatives) **can be mobilized in health education planning** and help in improving uptake of ovarian cancer screening across varied socio-economic strata

3) Compare local community satisfaction rates between screening camps organized by PPI using **snowballing method versus conventional institutional initiated efforts**

4)Economic analysis of such approach where the cost of organization of health screening facility is part-borne by the local community

5)Study willingness to pay (WTP) for screening and genetic testing amongst the local population attending the screening camps organized through PPI

6)Assessing differences in service implementation (barriers and solutions) for this model in **rural versus urban** and different socio-economic strata

