

# Estimated Age-Specific Prevalence of Pathogenic Variants in Individuals with Endometrial Cancer without a Family History of Cancer

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## Background

- Uterine cancer is the most prevalent gynecologic malignancy, with endometrial carcinoma (EC) accounting for the vast majority of cases
- Prolonged unopposed estrogen exposure, resulting in endometrial proliferation, is responsible for most EC, though a fraction are due to inherited (germline) pathogenic variants (PVs)
- Guidelines recommend genetic testing for individuals at risk of carrying a PV where testing criteria are largely based on younger age at diagnosis and/or family history (FH) of cancer

**Objective:** We characterized the number of patients that may be missed by current guidelines by modeling the age-specific prevalence of PVs in patients with EC but without a FH of cancer

## Methods

- Multivariable logistic regression models were constructed to analyze PV prevalence based on age, personal cancer history, and FH in a large clinical cohort of patients referred for genetic testing using a 25-48 multigene panel
- Model-based prevalence estimates for all genes and for only EC-associated genes in patients with EC but without personal or FH are summarized across 10-year bins for age of diagnosis

## Results

- The study cohort was comprised of 30,682 individuals affected with EC: 57.1% White/Non-Hispanic; 11.9% Hispanic; 6.3% Black/African; 2.7% Asian, 10.8% Other/Multiple; and 11.2% unspecified (**Table 1**)
- The average age of EC diagnosis was 51.5 and the average age of genetic testing was 58.2 (**Table 1**)
- Across all age bins, prevalence estimates ranged from 3.5% to 9.9% and 0.9% to 7.0% when including all genes and EC-associated genes, respectively (**Table 2**)

**Table 1.** Demographics

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<b>Age of Diagnosis</b> - Mean (Standard Deviation)	<b>51.5</b> (14.3)
<b>Age of Testing</b> - Mean (Standard Deviation)	<b>58.2</b> (12.3)
<b>Ancestry</b> - N (%)	
White/Non-Hispanic	<b>17,525</b> (57.1%)
Hispanic	<b>3,643</b> (11.9%)
Black/African	<b>1,940</b> (6.3%)
Asian	<b>817</b> (2.7%)
Other/Multiple	<b>3,322</b> (10.8%)
None Specified	<b>3,435</b> (11.2%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,682</b>

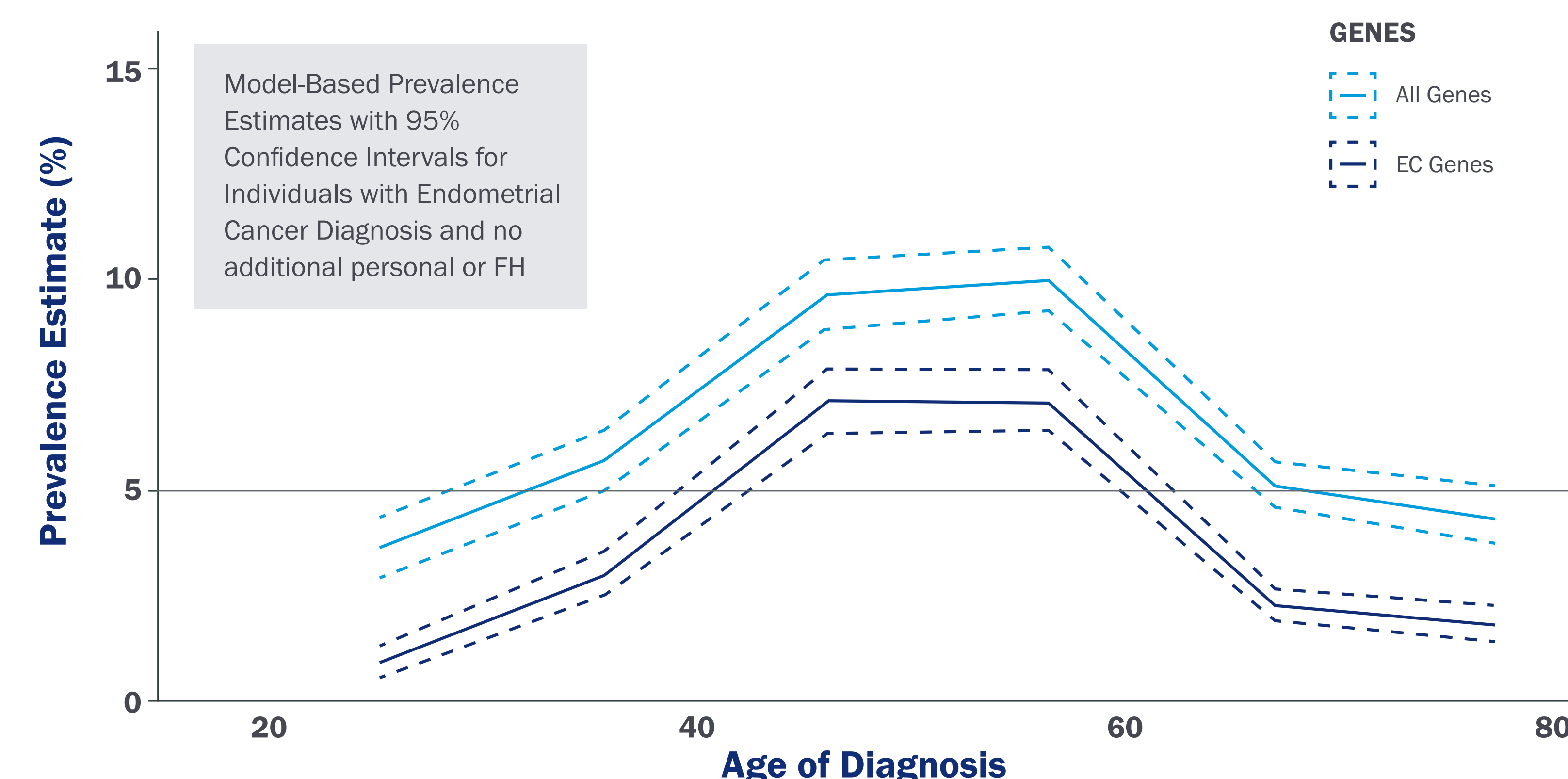
**Table 2.** Age of EC diagnosis and estimated PV prevalence (%)

Genes	<30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
<b>All Genes</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>EC Genes</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>

EC-associated genes: *MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, EPCAM, PTEN, NTHL1, STK11, TP53*

- Prevalence was highest for those diagnosed at 50-59 for all genes and was similarly high in 40-49 and 50-59 for EC-associated genes (**Table 2, Figure 1**)
- Prevalence estimates for all-genes and EC-associated genes remained consequential for those diagnosed at age 60+ (**Table 2; Figure 1**)

**Figure 1.** Prevalence estimates for all genes and EC genes



## Conclusions

- A substantial fraction of individuals with EC who may not meet guideline criteria for genetic testing likely carry PVs
- PV prevalence remains consequential for individuals diagnosed with EC at older ages
- Consideration of genetic testing at diagnosis, regardless of age, could improve patient care for individuals and families and may positively impact outcomes