

If you are thinking about an elective to round out your learning and want to have tools in your tool box to meet the demands of practice in the 21st century, this new course may be for you. Read on.....

- Angelina Jolie recently wrote an Op-Ed in the *New York Times* describing to the world that she had a prophylactic double mastectomy in February of this year because she carries a “faulty” BRCA1 gene that significantly increases her risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer.
- Many are trumpeting her as a heroine for disclosing this very personal information as a way to help other women and encourage those at high risk to be “gene tested”.
- Some worry that her disclosure could be taken out of context by women who do not carry this gene mutation and who may push for medically unnecessary mastectomies for early-stage breast cancers.



- While Angelina is clearly a celebrity case, you are likely to have patients with questions about genetic-related risk, genetic testing, and genetic therapies.
- Are you prepared to assess, educate, support and appropriately refer these patients and families?
- This course will provide additional tools for you to use as more and more emerging genetic advances impact clinical practice, health care, and society.

This new on-line course is called Genetics and Genomics in Nursing, Health Care, and Society (N329, N593 and N793) and is cross-listed so that both undergraduate and graduate students can enroll. Mindy Tinkle, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC is the faculty for the course. (contact her at mtinkle@salud.unm.edu with any questions you might have).
