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Biobehavioral Processes in Oncology: An Analysis of
Familial Breast Cancer Risk

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**Martin Colloquium Center
4127 Sennott Square**

The possibility that psychological stress may be involved in the etiology of breast cancer continues to be a contentious area of research. Dr. Bovbjerg will discuss this issue from a biobehavioral perspective, using research on familial breast cancer risk as an example of new approaches that can be applied. Healthy women with even a single first degree relative with breast cancer have nearly twice the lifetime risk of developing the disease, compared to women without breast cancer in their families. The mechanisms responsible for this increased risk are as yet unknown. Could increased stress responses play a role?

Reception to follow in Room 4125 Sennott Square