

OVARIAN CANCER

The symptoms of ovarian cancer are often common and vague, which makes it difficult to diagnose. There is no effective early detection method for ovarian cancer, and only about half of women survive longer than five years after diagnosis. *University of Texas Anderson Cancer Center.*

Ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers and the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among American women. One in 55 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer during their lifetime. In 2009, approximately 21,500 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Approximately 15,500 women will die of the disease. *The Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry*

[AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY](#) – 800-ACS-2345 - A nation-wide, community –based voluntary health organization that provides information on cancer, research, advocacy, and community programs and services.

[CANCER CARE](#) – Cancer Care is a national non-profit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer; people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones, and the bereaved.

[DANA-FARBER CANCER INSTITUTE](#) – Provides expert compassionate care to children and adults with cancer while advancing the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, cure, and prevention of cancer and related diseases.

[ERNA’S HOPE – OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS](#) - An organization that informs women about ovarian cancer and donates Comfort Bags to those newly diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

[FERTILE HOPE](#) – Provides reproductive health information, support and hope to cancer patients whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility.

[FORCE: FACING OUR RISK OF CANCER EMPOWERED](#) – A non profit organization that provides education and support for women who are at high risk of getting breast and ovarian cancer.

[GILDA’S CLUB](#) – A free, nonresidential homelike place where men, women and children with any kind of cancer and their family members and friends can receive emotional and social support.

[THE GILDA RADNER FAMILIAL OVARIAN CANCER REGISTRY](#) – This site houses an international registry of families with two or more relatives with ovarian cancer. Also offers a hotline answered by a trained specialist, newsletter, and informational pamphlets.

[KIDS KONNECTED](#) (for children with a parent who has cancer) – Provides friendship, understanding, and support for the children who have a parent with cancer, or have lost a parent to cancer.

[MAYO CLINIC](#) – Offers an introduction for those newly diagnosed with cancer; includes step-by-step information about signs and symptoms, causes, risk factors, and screening techniques.

[M.D. ANDERSON CANCER CENTER](#) – Website details several ovarian cancer topics, including risk factors, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, clinical trials and prevention information.

[NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE](#) – A detailed online booklet listing possible causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and coping techniques for ovarian cancer.

[NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK](#) – 888-909-6226 – An alliance of 19 of the world’s leading cancer centers, an authoritative source of information to help patients and health professionals make informed decisions about cancer care.

[NATIONAL LGBT CANCER NETWORK](#) – Addresses the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans gender cancer survivors and those at risk. The website offers information for survivors and healthcare providers about the increased cancer risks, decreased screening rates and unique survivability issues of this population.

[NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER ASSOCIATION \(NOCA\)](#) – Provides support, education and research, as well as a toll free support line.

[NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER COALITION](#) – Site includes direct connections to live help, breaking news, clinical trials, support and resources.

[NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER COALITION – DALLAS / FORT WORTH CHAPTER](#) – Raise awareness and promote education about ovarian cancer.

[OVARIAN CANCER ALLIANCE OF FLORIDA \(OCAF\)](#) – Dedicated to educating women throughout the state of Florida about ovarian cancer.

[OVARIAN CANCER ALLIANCE OF MINNESOTA](#) - Dedicated to spreading awareness, support and research about ovarian cancer.

[OVARIAN CANCER ALLIANCE OF NEVADA \(OCAN\)](#) – Committed to raising awareness regarding the symptoms, risk factors, and facts about ovarian cancer.

[OVARIAN CANCER FORUM](#) - Health-professional-moderated forum from Med Help International and The Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center.

[OVARIAN CANCER NATIONAL ALLIANCE](#) – 866-399-6262 – A patient-led organization uniting ovarian cancer activists, women’s health advocates and health care professionals in the effort to increase public and professional understanding of ovarian cancer and to advocate for more effective diagnostics, treatments and a cure.

[OVARIAN CANCER NATIONAL ALLIANCE](#) - An alliance of leaders from seven ovarian cancer groups, formed to establish a coordinated national effort to place ovarian cancer education, policy and research issues prominently on the agendas of national policy makers and women’s health care leaders.

[OVARIAN HOPE](#) – To educate women to recognize the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer and acquire the knowledge to seek evaluation and treatment by qualified professionals.

[THE WOMEN’S CANCER NETWORK](#) – 800-444-4441 – Dedicated to informing women around the world about gynecologic cancers and to understand more about the disease, learn about treatment options, and gain access to new of experimental therapies.

[SHARE: SELF HELP FOR WOMEN WITH BREAST OR OVARIAN CANCER](#) – Offers survivor-led support to women with breast or ovarian cancers, their families and friends through hotlines, survivor-led support groups, wellness programs, educational forums, and advocacy activities.

[SOCIETY OF GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY REFERRAL SERVICE](#) – Provides the gynecologic oncologists, (physicians or doctors who specialize in the treatment of cancer) in your area. By entering your zip code or the city nearest you, you will get the name, address and telephone number of your local gynecologic oncologist.

BLOGS / NEWSLETTERS

[CONVERSATIONS](#) – An international newsletter for those fighting ovarian cancer. The newsletter is full of inspiration and humor, helpful hints, coping techniques, medical terms and treatments.

[WOMEN OF TEAL](#) - Blog by an ovarian cancer survivor

CLINICAL TRIALS

[ACURIAN](#) – Comprehensive listing of clinical trials actively enrolling participants, detailed drug information – from development through approval to release – and exclusive news and commentaries from leading medical and research resources.

[THE WOMEN'S CANCER NETWORK](#) – A website where you can learn how clinical trials work and about specific clinical trials for gynecological cancers.

GIFTS AND PRODUCTS

[THE PAMPERED PATIENT](#) – Cancer gifts and products for cancer patients and caregivers.

MAGAZINES

[MAMM MAGAZINE](#) – Devoted to meeting the needs of women diagnosed with breast and reproductive cancers.

ONLINE COMMUNITIES / CHAT / SUPPORT

[CANCER COMPASS](#) – An online discussion message board.

[DAILY STRENGTH](#) – Support from people sharing their experiences with ovarian cancer.

[EYES ON THE PRIZE](#) – A support community for those living with women's reproductive cancer, offers survivor stories, answers to questions, resources, discussion about cervical, endometrial, uterine, ovarian, vulvar, gestational, and other reproductive cancers.

[HEALTH TALK ONLINE](#) – Share in other people's experiences of health and illness. You can watch or listen to videos of the interviews, read about people's experiences and find reliable information about conditions, treatments, choices and support.

[SUPPORT CONNECTION](#) – Provides emotional support services to women diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer. 24-hour hotline number.

[SHARE](#) – Offers survivor-led support to women – with breast or ovarian cancer, their families and friends.

[TEAL TALK: AN OVARIAN CANCER COMMUNITY](#) – Support group providing information, support, and inspiration through a message board and chat room.

AUSTRALIA

[OVARIAN CANCER AUSTRALIA](#) – Raising awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms, provides support networks and creates resources for patients and their families and friends, and advocates on behalf of those affected by ovarian cancer.

CANADA

[CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY](#) – SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DU CANCER – Dedicated to eradicate cancer and enhance the quality of life of people living with cancer.

[CARING VOICES](#) – Online forums and chats for women with ovarian cancer across Canada.

INFORMATION LINE – 1-877-413-7970 – Staffed by Ovarian Cancer Canada trained to handle any queries you may have about ovarian cancer. If they are unable to help you with your specific request, they will point you in the right direction. If you are directed to voice mail, please leave your name and number and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

[OVARIAN CANCER CANADA – \(CANCER DE L’OVAIRE CANADA\)](#) - Committed to supporting women with ovarian cancer. Provides information about the disease and treatment, a listening ear, and acts as a resource for families who want information and hope.