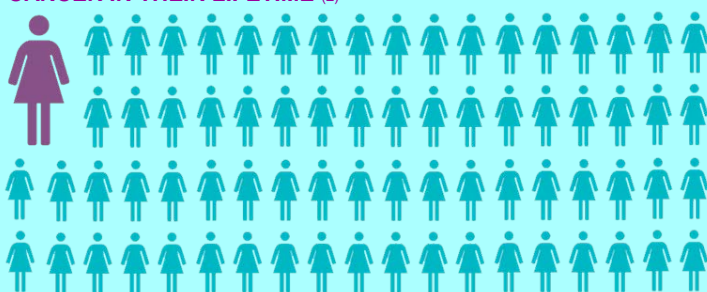


September Is OVARIAN CANCER Awareness Month

The Silent Killer - It Whispers, So Listen

Ovarian cancer is expected to be diagnosed in over 21,000 women in the US in 2018 with more than 14,000 women dying from this deadly disease.⁽¹⁾ Ovarian cancer is often diagnosed in later stages due to its symptoms being misdiagnosed as a more benign condition such as Irritable Bowel Syndrome or Overactive Bladder. Treatment typically requires surgery and chemotherapy.

1 OUT OF 70 WOMEN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH OVARIAN CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME ⁽²⁾



Half of all women diagnosed with ovarian cancer are

Age 63 or older

⁽²⁾

OVARIAN CANCER IN MISSOURI

ANNUAL NEW CASES

388



ANNUAL DEATHS

268

⁽¹⁾

Missouri's most commonly diagnosed cancer

14th

Missouri's highest cancer death rate

7th

⁽¹⁾

TYPICAL SYMPTOMS OF OVARIAN CANCER

⁽³⁾


Bloating



Pelvic or Abdominal Pain



Urinary Urgency or Frequency



Difficulty Eating or Feeling Full Quickly

Risk factors for ovarian cancer:

- Family history
- BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutations
- Women who never had children
- Women of Eastern European or Ashkenazi Jewish heritage ⁽³⁾



Diagnostic tests for ovarian cancer:

- Transvaginal Ultrasound (TVUS)
- CA-125 blood test
- Pelvic exam

Ovarian cancer research is ongoing, however, currently there are no reliable screening tests. ⁽²⁾



OVARIAN CANCER RESOURCES

- (1) www.statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov
 (2) www.cancer.org
 (3) www.sloca.org

- www.ocrfa.org/
- American Cancer Society Helpline

1-800-227-2345



www.hopelightproject.com