

# OVARIAN CANCER

## The Silent Killer - It Whispers, So Listen

Ovarian cancer is expected to be diagnosed in over 21,400 women in the US in 2020 with more than 14,200 women dying from this deadly disease.<sup>(1)</sup> 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 78 WOMEN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH OVARIAN CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME** <sup>(2)</sup>



Ovarian cancer can occur in women

# At any age

<sup>(4)</sup>

Every **24** minutes a woman in the US is diagnosed with ovarian cancer <sup>(1)</sup>



A Pap test is not used to detect ovarian cancer <sup>(2)</sup>

## OVARIAN CANCER IN MISSOURI

ANNUAL NEW CASES

**374**

ANNUAL DEATHS

**268**



<sup>(1)</sup>

Missouri's most commonly diagnosed cancer

# 16th

Missouri's highest cancer death rate

# 7th

<sup>(1)</sup>

### TYPICAL SYMPTOMS OF OVARIAN CANCER

<sup>(3)</sup>

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 <sup>(3)</sup>



#### 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. <sup>(2)</sup>



### OVARIAN CANCER RESOURCES

(1) [www.statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov](http://www.statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov)

(2) [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

(3) [www.sloca.org](http://www.sloca.org)

(4) [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)

• [www.ocrfa.org/](http://www.ocrfa.org/)

• [OVERRUNovariancancer.com](http://OVERRUNovariancancer.com)

• American Cancer Society Helpline

**1-800-227-2345**



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