

Ovarian Cancer

Fact Sheet

What is ovarian cancer?

Ovarian cancer is cancer that forms in the tissues of the ovary. The ovaries are the female sex organs that produce eggs. Ovarian cancer is the seventh most common cancer and the fifth leading cause of cancer death in women. Ovarian cancer symptoms can be hard to recognize and some women may not have symptoms. Your yearly PAP tests do not find ovarian cancer. If symptoms occur, they may include:

- ◆ Bloating or feeling full
- ◆ Pain in the area below your stomach (pelvic pain)

- ◆ Back pain
- ◆ Stomach discomfort or gas
- ◆ Having to pass urine very badly or often
- ◆ Discharge from your vagina that is not normal for you
- ◆ Feeling tired all the time

What are the risk factors for ovarian cancer?

- ◆ Family history of ovarian cancer



