



Media Backgrounder

WORLD FACTS ABOUT OVARIAN CANCER

Ovarian cancer is diagnosed annually in nearly a quarter of a million women globally, and is responsible for 140,000 deaths each year.

Statistics show that just 45% of women with ovarian cancer are likely to survive for five years compared to up to 89% of women with breast cancer.

**There is no effective screening test for ovarian cancer.
Ovarian Cancer is the most fatal gynecological cancer.**

Find out more: www.ovariancancerday.org

All women are at risk of getting ovarian cancer – but some are at higher risk.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Symptoms of ovarian cancer can often be confused with other less serious conditions such as gastrointestinal disorders. Symptoms include:

- Increased abdominal size / persistent bloating (not bloating that comes and goes)
- Difficulty eating/feeling full quickly
- Abdominal or pelvic pain
- Needing to pass urine more urgently or more frequently

See your family doctor if you have one or more of these symptoms and they last longer than 3 weeks.

If you have a family history, speak with your doctor about genetic counseling.

5 KEY FACTS

1. All women are at risk of ovarian cancer.
2. Awareness of the early warning signs of the disease could save lives.
3. Diagnosis at an early stage vastly improves a woman's chance of survival.
4. Ovarian cancer is often diagnosed at a late stage.
5. Many women mistakenly believe the cervical smear test (Pap test) will detect ovarian cancer.