

GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCERS

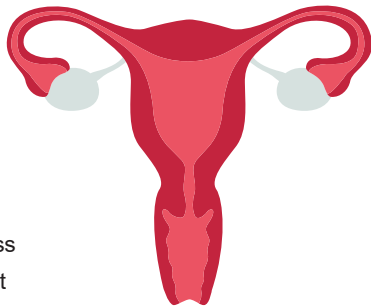
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Supporting earlier & faster cancer diagnosis

ANY PERSISTENT SYMPTOMS?

Non-specific symptoms of ovarian cancer include:

- Abdominal distension
- Bloating
- Early satiety
- Loss of appetite
- Pelvic pain
- Urinary frequency
- Back pain
- Unintended weight loss
- Change in bowel habit



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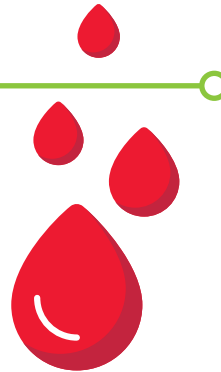
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BLEEDING

Abnormal uterine bleeding can be a symptom of cervical or endometrial cancer. It is important to visualise the cervix and exclude sexually transmitted infections. Refer people aged 55 and over with unexplained post-menopausal bleeding on a suspected cancer pathway.



CA 125

Complete a CA125 and ultrasound scan in people with symptoms suggestive of ovarian cancer. A suspicious ovarian mass on ultrasound with or without a raised CA125 should be referred on the suspected cancer pathway. Remember 25% of cases of ovarian cancer will have a normal CA125.



DISCHARGE

A new post-menopausal discharge which may be associated with haematuria or thrombocytosis can be an indicator of endometrial cancer. Refer for ultrasound investigation.



EXAMINATION

It is important to examine people with symptoms of ovarian cancer for abdominal masses or signs of ascites.



FAMILY HISTORY

Up to 25% of ovarian cancers have a genetic cause. It is important to take a thorough family history asking specifically about breast, ovarian and prostate cancer.



GREATER MANCHESTER REFERRAL PROFORMA

- Please refer all patients using the Greater Manchester form
- Ensure the patient understands the reason for referral
- Include frailty information as this helps direct patients to the most appropriate investigation or assessment

REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GREATER MCR

CA125

Ultrasound

Smear