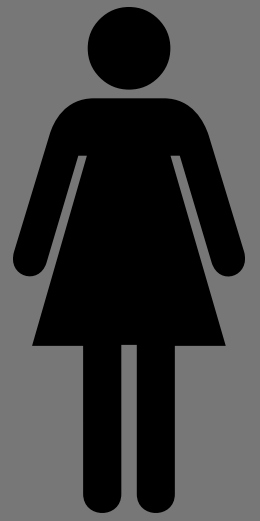




GYNECOLOGICAL CANCERS



What you need to know to **Get in Front.**

Refers to cancer of the female reproductive tract, including the cervix, endometrium, fallopian tubes, ovaries, uterus, and vagina.

CERVICAL CANCER

- The main types of cervical cancer are squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma.
- "Pap" testing has contributed significantly to the declines in occurrence.
- Incidence and mortality rates have declined significantly in all racial/ethnic groups since 1988.

Major risk factor: Infection with HPV

UTERINE CANCER

- Cancer of the endometrium (lining of the uterus) is the most common type.
- Incidence rates increased by 1.8% per year over the past 10 yrs.
- Typically diagnosed in post-menopausal women peaking during their 60s.
- Highest among white and black women.

Risk factors include:

- Estrogen exposure
- Obesity
- Starting menstruation early or menopause late
- Never pregnant

OVARIAN CANCER

- 3% of all cancers among females in the Greater Bay Area.
- Incidence and mortality rates have declined.
- The most common type is ovarian epithelial cancer which begins in the tissue that covers the ovaries.

Risk factors include:

- Family history
- Never given birth
- Obesity and excessive weight gain

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