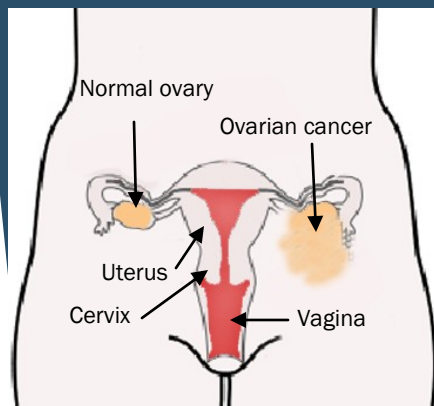


KEY POINTS

- Ovarian cancer occurs when malignant cancer cells form in the ovary.
- The ovaries are found in the pelvis and lie along both sides of the uterus. Each one is about the size and shape of an almond.
- The ovaries are the organs which produce both eggs and female hormones.
- Symptoms of ovarian cancer are as follows: pelvic fullness, pain, bladder frequency, pain with urination, stomach complaints, and sudden abdominal pain.



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OVARIAN CANCER

- There are three main types of ovarian tumors which occur in children:

GERM CELL TUMORS account for 70% of malignant ovarian tumors (these start in the egg cells of girls)

EPITHELIAL TUMORS account for 25% (these are tumors that start in the tissues covering the ovaries)

SEX-CORD STROMAL TUMORS account for 5% (these are tumors that begin in the tissue that surrounds and supports the ovaries)

- Overall, the five year survival rate for this cancer is 91.7%. Over ten years the survival rate is 91.4%.
- There are seven different categories of malignant (cancerous) germ cell tumors. These include:

Immature teratomas
Dysgerminomas
Endodermal Sinus Tumors
Embryonal Cell Carcinomas
Choriocarcinomas
Polyembromas
Mixed Germ Cell Tumors

- Symptoms of Ovarian Cancer are as follows:

Painful Menstrual Periods
Feelings of Pelvic Fullness
Urinary (Bladder) Frequency
Dysuria (Painful Urination)
Swelling in the Abdomen
Sudden Pain in Abdomen

Digestive (Stomach) Complaints

- Testing for Ovarian Cancer may include a physical exam, an ultrasound, a CT Scan, and blood work.
- Treatment for malignant germ cell tumors of the ovaries:

If only one ovary is involved, doctors will remove the malignant ovary and maybe the fallopian tube, leaving the unaffected ovary. This treatment is called a unilateral salpingo-oophorectomy. Chemotherapy is often used with this treatment.

If both ovaries are involved, they will both be removed but the uterus may be kept in place for future pregnancy options.

