



TIP SHEET

Uterine Cancer

What You Should Know

The uterus (or womb), part of a woman's reproductive system, is a hollow organ where a baby grows during pregnancy.

Endometrial cancer, which begins in the lining of the uterus, is a type of uterine cancer.

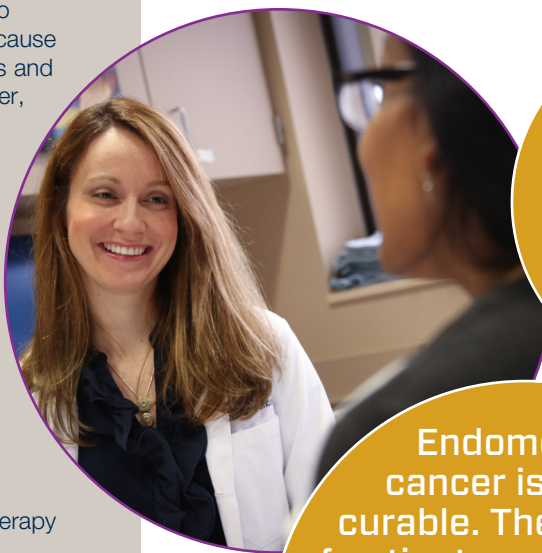
ARE YOU AT RISK?

Women with these risk factors may be more likely to develop uterine cancer:

- **Abnormal overgrowth of the uterine lining.** Also called *endometrial hyperplasia*, this condition may cause heavy menstrual periods, bleeding between periods and bleeding after menopause. Hyperplasia is not cancer, but can sometimes develop into cancer.
- **Obesity**
- **High blood pressure**
- **Diabetes**
- **Reproductive and menstrual history**, if a least one of the following apply:
 - Never had children
 - First menstrual period before age 12
 - Menopause after age 55
- **History of taking estrogen** alone (without progesterone) such as for menopausal hormone therapy
- **History of taking tamoxifen**, a drug prescribed to treat or prevent breast cancer
- **History of radiation therapy to the pelvis**
- **Family history of uterine cancer**, such as a mother, sister or daughter with the disease
- **Family or personal history of Lynch syndrome**, a genetic condition that increases risk for multiple cancer types, including uterine and colorectal cancer.

Symptoms to Tell Your Doctor

- Abnormal vaginal bleeding, spotting or discharge
- Vaginal bleeding after menopause
- Pain or difficulty when emptying the bladder
- Pain during sex
- Pain in pelvic area



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Median age of diagnosis.

Endometrial cancer is highly curable. The majority of patients are diagnosed with early stage disease, which has a five-year survival rate of more than

97%

Why Roswell Park Cancer Institute?

Setting the Standards. Our experts serve on boards of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) that create the guidelines that specify the best way to prevent, detect and treat specific types of cancer. Roswell Park's **Peter Frederick, MD, FACOG**, Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery, serves on the NCCN Uterine Cancer guidelines panel.

Nationally Recognized. Roswell Park is a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, one of only 47 in the country and the only center in New York State outside of New York City.

Specialized Services, such as advanced screening approaches, genetic counseling and testing, and psychosocial and other supportive care.

Satellite Centers. Patients may receive some of their cancer care at our satellite centers conveniently located in Amherst, Niagara Falls and Jamestown, N.Y.

Treatment the Roswell Park Way

A Multidisciplinary care approach by a team of board-certified gynecologic and radiation oncologists with a focus on optimal survival and quality of life for patients with all types and stages of gynecologic cancer.

Minimally-invasive laparoscopic and robot-assisted surgery for hysterectomy and other gynecologic procedures.

Treatment options unavailable elsewhere, such as photodynamic therapy, regional chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and clinical trials.

African American women have higher mortality from endometrial cancer. Several factors may play a role — being diagnosed at a later stage, having other medical problems, disparities in treatment and genetic differences that are related to more aggressive tumors.

Endometrial cancer is most frequently diagnosed among women age **55-64**

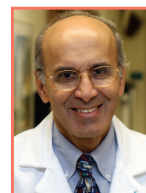
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