

Ovarian Cancer Early Detection Program

Early detection may help reduce the impact of ovarian cancer.



Ovarian cancer remains one of the most aggressive and difficult gynecological cancers. It is usually detected in later stages when it is more serious and difficult to treat. Using two clinical tests, this screening program is designed to closely monitor women with a high risk for developing ovarian cancer using CA125 and transvaginal ultrasound. Researchers want to study if this program will detect ovarian cancer early in women at increased risk.

To be a candidate for the screening program, a woman must have at least one ovary and two or more blood relatives with breast or ovarian cancer or have tested positive for the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genetic marker. If a woman is of Ashkenazi Jewish ethnicity, she requires only one first degree relative with breast or ovarian cancer. This program is designed for healthy women who have not developed ovarian cancer.

Participants will initially be asked to complete a questionnaire about their health history. This information will help researchers better understand which factors change your risk of disease. Every six months participants will complete additional questionnaires and have a blood test to measure CA125 levels. Participants will also have an ultrasound examination once yearly. In addition, participants will be asked to identify a physician willing to follow the screening test results and help manage abnormal test results should they occur.

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