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**Raising Awareness
Of Cervical
Screening**

GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2023

Symptoms Suggestive Of Gynaecological Cancers



**All
Gynaecological
Cancers**

**Ovarian
Cancer**

**Uterine /
Endometrial
Cancer**

**Cervical
Cancer**

**Vulva
Cancer**

**Vaginal
Cancer**



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Symptoms suggestive of gynaecological cancers

Symptom	Possible cancer	Referral recommendation
Appearance of cervix consistent with cervical cancer	Cervical	Consider a suspected cancer pathway referral (for an appointment within 2 weeks)
Blood glucose levels high with visible haematuria in women age 55 years and over	Endometrial	Consider a direct access ultrasound scan
Haemoglobin levels low with visible haematuria in women age 55 years and over	Endometrial	Consider a direct access ultrasound scan
Haematuria (visible) with low haemoglobin levels or thrombocytosis or high blood glucose levels or unexplained vaginal discharge in women age 55 years and over	Endometrial	Consider a direct access ultrasound scan
Post-menopausal bleeding in women age 55 years and over (unexplained vaginal bleeding more than 12 months after menstruation has stopped because of the menopause)	Endometrial	Refer women using a suspected cancer pathway referral (for an appointment within 2 weeks)
Post-menopausal bleeding in women age under 55 years (unexplained vaginal bleeding more than 12 months after menstruation has stopped because of the menopause)	Endometrial	Consider a suspected cancer pathway referral (for an appointment within 2 weeks)
Thrombocytosis with visible haematuria or vaginal discharge (unexplained) in women age 55 years and over	Endometrial	Consider a direct access ultrasound scan
Vaginal discharge (unexplained) either at first presentation or with thrombocytosis or with haematuria, in women age 55 years and over	Endometrial	Consider a direct access ultrasound scan



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Appetite loss or early satiety (persistent or frequent – particularly more than 12 times per month) in women, especially if age 50 years and over	Ovarian	Carry out appropriate investigations* Measure serum CA125*
Abdominal distension (persistent or frequent – particularly more than 12 times per month) in women, especially if age 50 years and over	Ovarian	Carry out appropriate investigations* Measure serum CA125*
Ascites and/or a pelvic or abdominal mass identified by physical examination (which is not obviously uterine fibroids) in women	Ovarian	Refer urgently* (within 2 weeks)
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Abdominal or pelvic pain (persistent or frequent – particularly more than 12 times per month) in women, especially if age 50 years and over	Ovarian	Carry out appropriate investigations* Measure serum CA125*
Irritable bowel syndrome symptoms within the last 12 months in women age 50 years and over	Ovarian	Carry out appropriate tests for ovarian cancer, because irritable bowel syndrome rarely presents for the first time in women of this age* Measure serum CA125*
Change in bowel habit (unexplained) in women	Ovarian	Consider carrying out appropriate investigations* Measure serum CA125*
Fatigue (unexplained) in women	Ovarian	Carry out appropriate investigations* Measure serum CA125*
Urinary urgency and/or frequency (increased and persistent or frequent – particularly more than 12 times per month) in women, especially if age 50 years and over	Ovarian	Carry out tests in primary care* Measure serum CA125 in primary care*
Weight loss (unexplained) in women	Ovarian	Consider carrying out tests in primary care* Measure serum CA125 in primary care*



Serum CA125 results	Ovarian	If serum CA125 is 35 IU/ml or greater, arrange an ultrasound scan of the abdomen and pelvis* Normal serum CA125 (less than 35 IU/ml), or CA125 of 35 IU/ml or greater but a normal ultrasound: assess carefully for other clinical causes of her symptoms and investigate if appropriate. If no other clinical cause is apparent, advise her to return if symptoms become more frequent and/or persistent*
Ultrasound suggests ovarian cancer	Ovarian	Refer urgently for further investigation*
Ultrasound normal with CA125 of 35 IU/ml or greater	Ovarian	Assess carefully for other clinical causes if symptoms and investigate if appropriate* If no other clinical cause is apparent, advise to return if symptoms become more frequent and/or persistent*
Vaginal mass (unexplained and palpable) in or at the entrance to the vagina	Vaginal	Consider a suspected cancer pathway referral (for an appointment within 2 weeks)
Vulval bleeding (unexplained) in women	Vulval	Consider a suspected cancer pathway referral (for an appointment within 2 weeks)
Vulval lump or ulceration (unexplained)	Vulval	Consider a suspected cancer pathway referral (for an appointment within 2 weeks)

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