

# Hereditary Cancer Syndromes and Gynecologic Malignancies

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# Disclosures

- None

# Overview

- Review of ovarian and endometrial cancer
- Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome
  - Who to test
  - How to screen
  - Risk reducing surgery
- Lynch Syndrome
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  - How to screen
  - Risk reducing surgery
- Advances in cancer treatment in patients with genetic mutations

# Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer

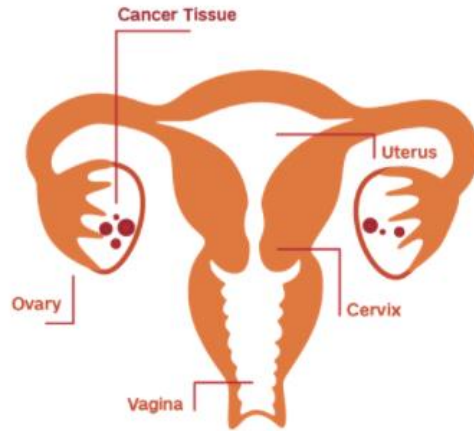
- Approximately 1 in 78 patients will develop in lifetime
- In 2023:
  - About 19,710 patients will receive a new diagnosis of ovarian cancer.
  - About 13,270 patients will die from ovarian cancer.
- 5 year overall survival for patients with advanced disease: 30%
- Approximately 80% of patients with advanced disease will have a recurrence at 5 years
  - Recurrent disease is not curable

# Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer

- Cancers that start in the ovary, fallopian tube, or lining of the abdominal cavity
- Often present at advanced stage as this is when patients develop symptoms
  - Bloating
  - Urinary urgency/frequency
  - Early satiety
  - Pelvic pain

# Ovarian Cancer

## Stage 1



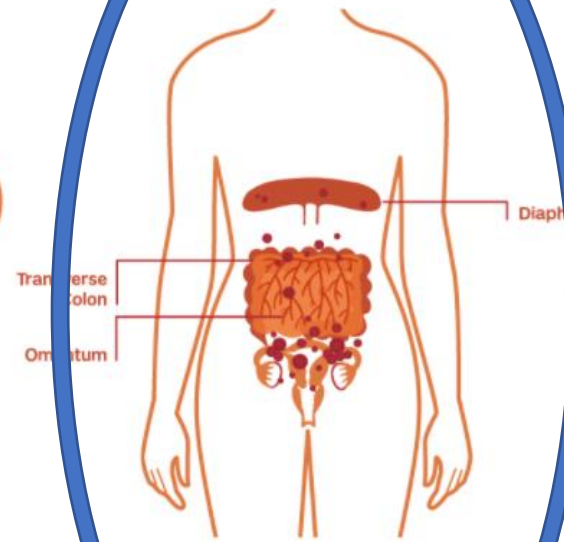
Cancer is found in one or both ovaries.

## Stage 2



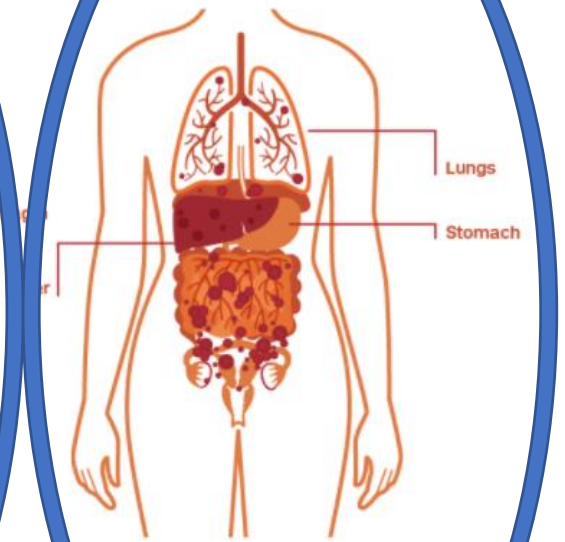
Cancerous cells have spread from the ovaries to other parts of the pelvis, such as the fallopian tubes or uterus.

## Stage 3



Cancerous cells have spread outside the pelvis to the nearby lymph nodes, diaphragm, intestines, or liver.

## Stage 4



The cancer has spread beyond the abdomen, such as to the lungs or spleen.

# Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer

- Different types
  - Epithelial ovarian cancer
    - Serous
    - Endometrioid
    - Clear cell
    - Carcinosarcoma
  - Stromal tumors
  - Germ cell tumors

# Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer

- Primary treatment consists of a combination of chemotherapy and surgery
  - Order of treatment depends on location of disease – is it amenable to surgical resection?
  - May or may not be followed by maintenance therapies depending on stage and patient factors



# Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer

- Approximately 20-25% of patients who develop ovarian cancer have a genetic mutation predisposing them to ovarian cancer
- Less than 1% of the general population have these mutations

# High Penetrance Breast and Ovarian Cancer Genes

ATM

BARD1

BRCA 1 and 2\*

BRIP 1\*

CDH1

CHEK2

MLH1, PMS2,  
MSH2, MSH6,  
EPCAM\*

NBN

NF1

PALB2

PTEN

RAD51C and  
D\*

STK11

TP53

# Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome

- Testing for individuals for high penetrance breast and ovarian cancer genes that puts them at increased risk for disease
- Who do we test?

# Family and Medical History Screening

- First degree relatives (parents, siblings, children)
- Second degree relatives (grandparents, aunts, uncles, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, half siblings)
- Clarification on maternal vs paternal sides
- Ashkenazi ancestry
- For each cancer case, establish age at diagnosis and primary disease site

# Who to test?

- Cancer diagnosed at unusually young age or < 50 for breast, ovary, or colon
- Several different types of cancers in one patient
- Multiple primary tumors, especially breast or colon, in the same patient
- Several close blood relatives with the same type of cancer
- Unusual presentation of a specific type of cancer (breast cancer in a male)
- Specific benign conditions associated with cancer syndromes (skin growths, skeletal abnormalities)
- Triple negative breast cancer
- Epithelial ovarian cancer, fallopian tube cancer, primary peritoneal cancer
- Colorectal cancer or endometrial cancer with mismatch repair deficiency

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### Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Breast, Ovarian, and Pancreatic

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#### Principles of Cancer Risk Assessment and Counseling

- [Pre-test Counseling \(EVAL-A 1 of 10\)](#)
- [Testing Considerations Prior to Testing \(EVAL-A 2 of 10\)](#)
- [Choice of Multi-Gene Testing \(EVAL-A 3 of 10\)](#)
- [Evaluating the Source of Genetic Testing Information \(EVAL-A 4 of 10\)](#)
- [Tumor Genomic Testing: Potential Implications for Germline Testing \(EVAL-A 5 of 10\)](#)
  - ▶ [Circulating Tumor DNA \(ctDNA\)](#)
- [Post-test Counseling \(EVAL-A 6 of 10\)](#)
  - ▶ [Positive Results](#)
  - ▶ [Negative Results](#)
  - ▶ [Variants of Uncertain Significance](#)
- [Pedigree: First-, Second-, and Third-Degree Relatives of Proband \(EVAL-B\)](#)

#### Hereditary Testing Criteria

- [General Testing Criteria \(CRIT-1\)](#)
- [Testing Criteria for High-Penetrance Breast Cancer Susceptibility Genes \(CRIT-2\)](#)
- [Testing Criteria for Ovarian Cancer Susceptibility Genes \(CRIT-4\)](#)
- [Testing Criteria for Pancreatic Cancer Susceptibility Genes \(CRIT-5\)](#)
- [Testing Criteria for High-Penetrance Prostate Cancer Susceptibility Genes \(CRIT-6\)](#)
- [Testing Criteria for Li-Fraumeni Syndrome \(CRIT-7\)](#)
- [Testing Criteria for Cowden Syndrome/PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome \(CRIT-8\)](#)

#### Gene Summary: Risks and Management

- [Testing Criteria Met \(GENE-1\)](#)
- [Cancer Risk Management Based on Genetic Test Results \(GENE-A\)](#)
- [Autosomal Recessive Risk in Cancer Genes – Multi-Gene Panel Testing \(GENE-B\)](#)

#### Management/Screening

- [BRCA Pathogenic/Likely Pathogenic Variant-Positive Management \(BRCA-A\)](#)
- [Pancreatic Cancer Screening \(PANC-A\)](#)
- [Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Management in Adults \(LIFR-A\)](#)
- [Cowden Syndrome/PHTS Management \(COWD-A\)](#)

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<https://www.nccn.org/home/member-institutions>.

**NCCN Categories of Evidence and Consensus:** All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

See [NCCN Categories of Evidence and Consensus](#).

[Abbreviations \(ABBR-1\)](#)

See [NCCN Risk Reduction](#).

[Summary of Genes and/or Syndromes Included/Mentioned in Other NCCN Guidelines \(SUMM-1\)](#)

# Who to test?



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## NCCN Guidelines Version 3.2023 Hereditary Cancer Testing Criteria

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### GENERAL TESTING CRITERIA<sup>a</sup>

#### Testing is clinically indicated in the following scenarios:

- Individuals with any blood relative with a known P/LP variant in a cancer susceptibility gene
- Individuals meeting the criteria below but who tested negative with previous limited testing (eg, single gene and/or absent deletion duplication analysis) and are interested in pursuing multi-gene testing
- A P/LP variant identified on tumor genomic testing that has clinical implications if also identified in the germline
- To aid in systemic therapy and surgical decision-making<sup>b</sup>
- Individual who meets Li-Fraumeni syndrome (LFS) testing criteria ([see CRIT-7](#)) or Cowden syndrome/PTEN hamartoma tumor syndrome (PHTS) testing criteria ([see CRIT-8](#)) or Lynch syndrome [See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal](#)
- For personal or family history of
  - ▶ Breast cancer [See Testing Criteria for High-Penetrance Breast Cancer Susceptibility Genes \(CRIT-2\)](#)
  - ▶ Ovarian cancer [See Testing Criteria for High-Penetrance Ovarian Cancer Susceptibility Genes \(CRIT-4\)](#)
  - ▶ Pancreatic cancer [See Testing Criteria for Pancreatic Cancer Susceptibility Genes \(CRIT-5\)](#)
  - ▶ Prostate cancer [See Testing Criteria for Prostate Cancer Susceptibility Genes \(CRIT-6\)](#)
  - ▶ Colorectal cancer [See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal](#)

#### Testing *may be considered* in the following scenario (with appropriate pre-test education and access to post-test management):

- An individual of Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry<sup>c</sup> without additional risk factors
- Personal history of serous endometrial cancer<sup>d</sup>

For a list of NCCN Guidelines that include content focused on inherited cancer conditions, including criteria for testing and/or cancer risk management based on a genetic test result, see [Summary of Genes and/or Syndromes Included/Mentioned in Other NCCN Guidelines \(SUMM-1\)](#).



# Who to test?

## TESTING CRITERIA FOR HIGH-PENETRANCE BREAST CANCER SUSCEPTIBILITY GENES (Specifically *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *CDH1*, *PALB2*, *PTEN*, and *TP53*. See [GENE-A](#)<sup>a,e,f,g</sup>)

### Testing is clinically indicated in the following scenarios:

- See General Testing Criteria on [CRIT-1](#).

- Personal history of breast cancer with specific features:

- ▶ ≤50 y

- ▶ Any age:

- ◊ Treatment indications

- To aid in systemic treatment decisions using PARP inhibitors for breast cancer in the metastatic setting<sup>h,i</sup> ([See NCCN Guidelines for Breast Cancer](#))
- To aid in adjuvant treatment decisions with olaparib for high-risk,<sup>j</sup> HER2-negative breast cancer<sup>h</sup>

- ◊ Pathology/histology

- Triple-negative breast cancer
- Multiple primary breast cancers (synchronous or metachronous)<sup>k</sup>
- Lobular breast cancer with personal or family history of diffuse gastric cancer [See NCCN Guidelines for Gastric Cancer](#)

- ◊ Male breast cancer

- ◊ Ancestry: Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry

- ▶ Any age (continued):

- ◊ Family history<sup>l</sup>

- ≥1 close blood relative<sup>m</sup> with ANY:

- breast cancer at age ≤50
- male breast cancer
- ovarian cancer
- pancreatic cancer
- prostate cancer with metastatic,<sup>n</sup> or high- or very-high-risk group (Initial Risk Stratification and Staging Workup in [NCCN Guidelines for Prostate Cancer](#))

- ≥3 total diagnoses of breast cancer in patient and/or close blood relatives<sup>m</sup>

- ≥2 close blood relatives<sup>m</sup> with either breast or prostate cancer (any grade)

- Family history of cancer only

- ▶ An affected individual (not meeting testing criteria listed above) or unaffected individual with a first- or second-degree blood relative meeting any of the criteria listed above (except unaffected individuals whose relatives meet criteria only for systemic therapy decision-making).<sup>o</sup>

- ◊ If the affected relative has pancreatic cancer or prostate cancer only first-degree relatives should be offered testing unless indicated based on additional family history.

- ▶ An affected or unaffected individual who otherwise does not meet the criteria above but has a probability >5% of a *BRCA1/2* pathogenic variant based on prior probability models (eg, Tyrer-Cuzick, BRCAPro, CanRisk)<sup>p</sup>

Criteria met → [See GENE-1](#)

If testing criteria not met, consider testing criteria for other hereditary syndromes

If criteria for other hereditary syndrome not met, then cancer screening as per [NCCN Screening Guidelines](#)

## Who to test, continued

- Family history of 1st or 2nd degree relative with epithelial ovarian cancer
- Family history of 1st degree relative with exocrine pancreatic cancer

# Who to Test

- Patients who have been previously tested for any of the above criteria, but were only tested for single gene testing and are interested in pursuing multi-gene testing

# Multi-Gene Panel Testing

- Advantages
  - Casting a wider net
  - The more we discover about genes that may impact breast and ovarian cancer risk, the more gene panels expand to include testing for these mutations
- Disadvantages
  - Increased risk for finding variants of unknown significance (VUS)
- Important to have patient meet with a genetic counselor to review risks and benefits

# Management of Patients with Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome

- Can we screen for ovarian cancer?
  - Good screening tests need to be:
    - Inexpensive
    - Easy to administer
    - Minimal discomfort
    - Reliable (consistent)
  - Valid (distinguish between diseased and non-diseased individuals)
    - High sensitivity (high probability of detecting disease)
    - High specificity (high probability that those who do not have the disease will screen negative)

# Ovarian cancer “screening”

- Can consider transvaginal ultrasound and Ca-125 levels in women with BRCA mutations specifically, starting at age 30-35 until risk reducing surgery
- Can be performed in 6 month to one year intervals
- Described as “uncertain benefit”
- Transvaginal ultrasounds and Ca-125 levels have a high false positive rate
  - Often leads to unnecessary surgical intervention
- Important to have a discussion regarding risks and benefits with the patient

# Risk reducing surgery for ovarian cancer prevention

- BRCA-1 patients
  - Risk reducing bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy (removal of tubes and ovaries) after completion of childbearing and after the age of 35-40 years old
- BRCA-2 patients
  - Risk reducing bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy after completion of childbearing and after the age of 40-45 years old
- Risk reducing bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy is also recommended for the following genetic mutations:
  - BRIP-1 at age 45-50 years old
  - RAD51C and D at age 45-50 years old

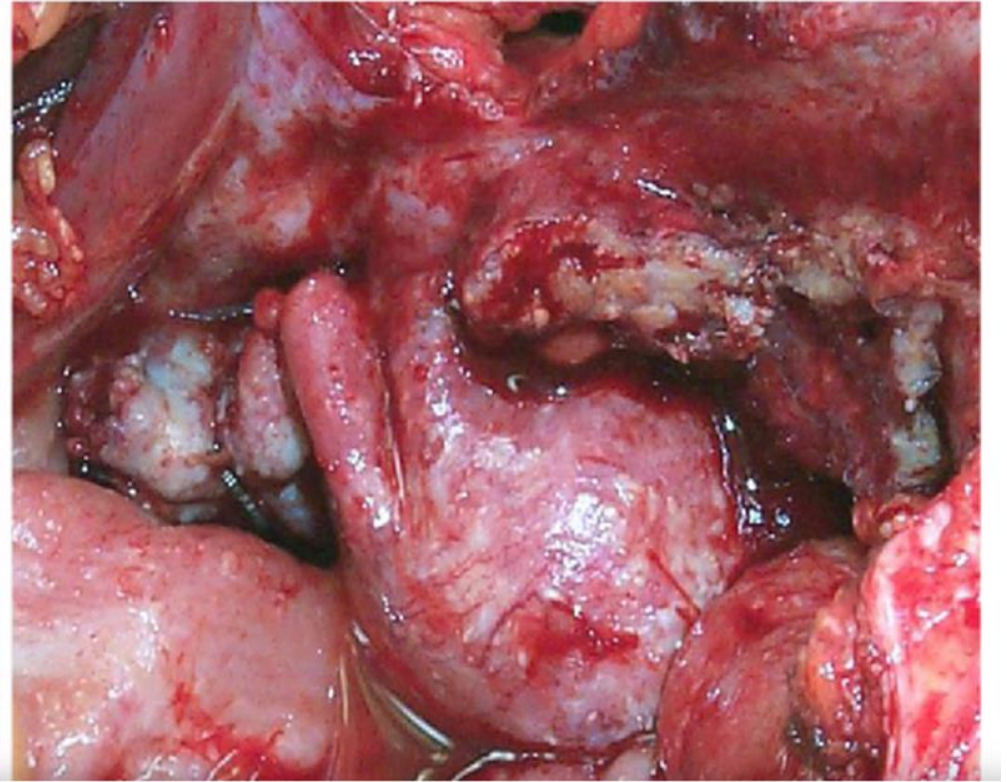
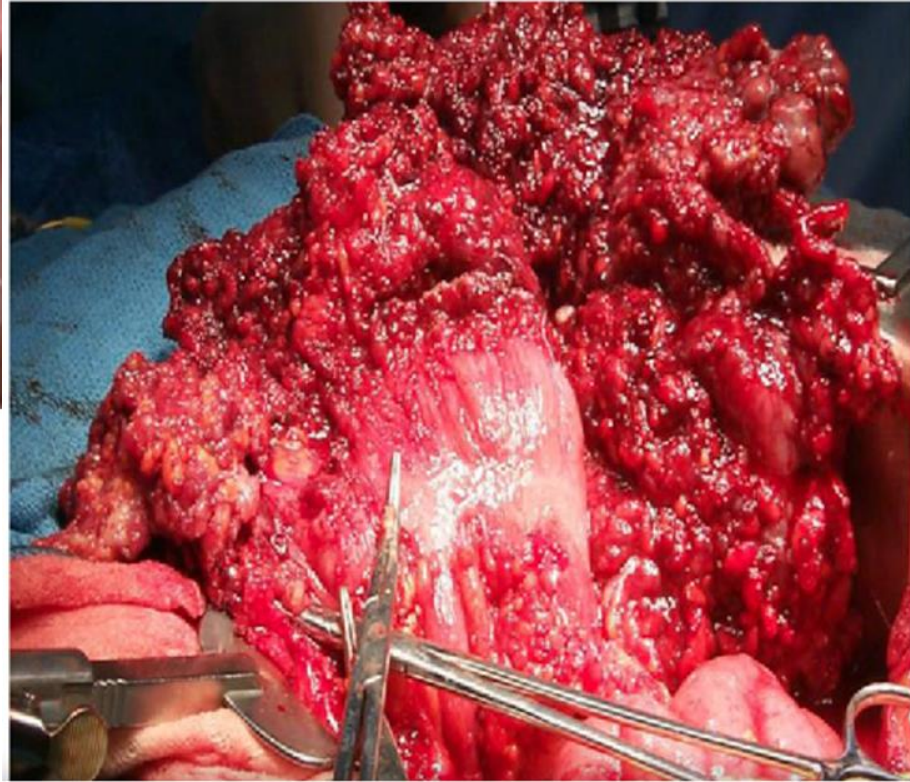
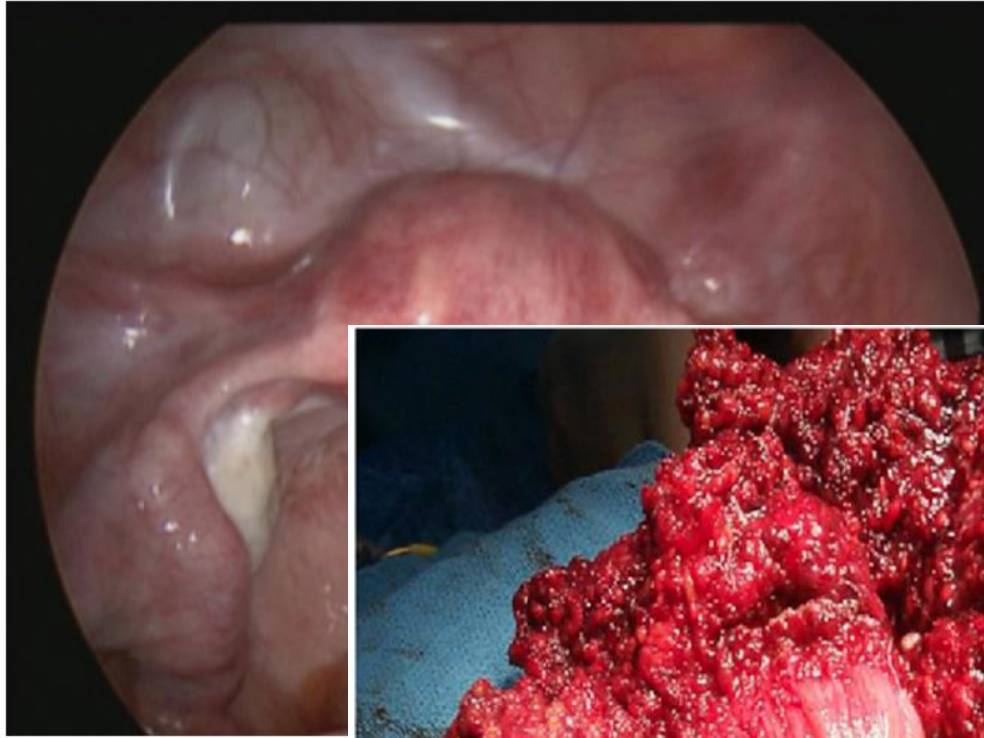
# What about hysterectomy ?

- BRCA-1 patients
  - Increased risk for uterine serous carcinoma
- Simplify hormone therapy strategy
- Can be considered when there are other medical indications for removal of uterus and cervix
- Reduce endometrial cancer risk for patients taking Tamoxifen



# How to perform a risk reducing surgery

- Laparoscopic
- Pelvic washings
- Should remove 2cm of gonadal vessel proximal to the ovary
- Should do a complete abdominopelvic survey
- If any concern for cancer implants, these should be biopsied and sent for frozen section
  - If cancer, discontinue procedure
- Serial sectioning by pathology (SEE-Fim protocol)



# Endometrial Cancer

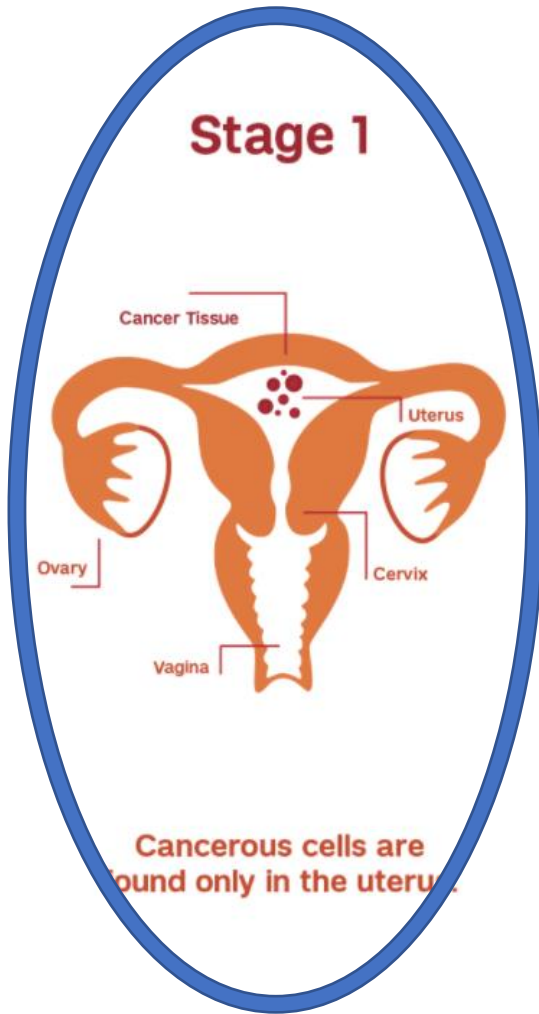
- Most common gynecologic cancer diagnosed in the United States
- In 2023:
  - About 66,200 new cases of cancer of the body of the uterus (uterine body or corpus) will be diagnosed.
  - About 13,030 women will die from cancers of the uterine body.

# Endometrial Cancer

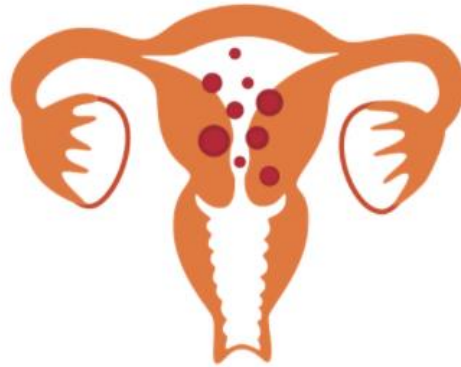
- Most common presenting symptom
  - Postmenopausal vaginal bleeding
  - Abnormal uterine bleeding
- Risk factors
  - Obesity
  - Metabolic syndrome
  - Unopposed estrogen replacement therapy
  - All thought to be related to an excess estrogenic state

# Uterine Cancer

## Stage 1



## Stage 2



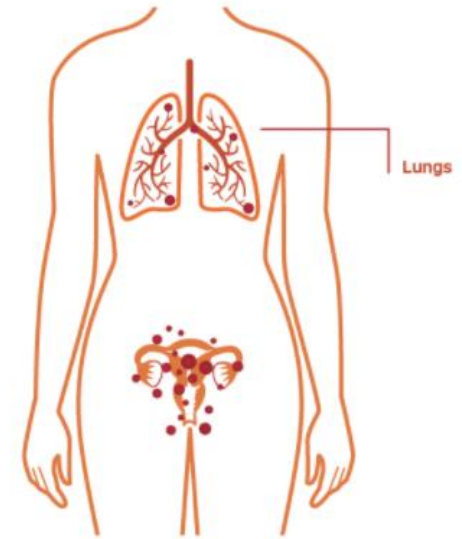
The cancer has spread to the cervix (opening of the uterus).

## Stage 3



The cancer has spread outside the uterus to the nearby lymph nodes, ovaries, fallopian tubes, or vagina. It has not spread to the bladder, rectum, outside the pelvis.

## Stage 4



The cancer has spread to the bladder, rectum, or outside the pelvis, such as the lungs or abdomen.

# Endometrial Cancer

- Vast majority are diagnosed at an early stage
- 5 year overall survival with early stage endometrial cancer: 95%
  - 5 year overall survival with advanced stage disease: 17%
- Treatment includes surgical staging, +/- radiation therapy and chemotherapy

# Genetic Mutations Related to Endometrial Cancer

- Lynch Syndrome
  - Mutations in the mismatch repair protein pathway
  - MLH1
  - PMS2
  - MSH2
  - MSH6
- 10% of endometrial cancers are hereditary

# Endometrial and Ovarian Cancer Risks

## MLH1

- Endometrial cancer cumulative risk: 34-54%, average age 49 years old
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## MSH2

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## MSH6

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## PMS2

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# Endometrial cancer screening

- No proven benefit
- However, endometrial biopsy is highly specific and sensitive
- Recommend endometrial biopsies every 1-2 years starting at age 30-35 years old

# Risk reducing surgery

- Hysterectomy is recommended, usually prior to age 50
- However, timing should be based on
  - Completion of childbearing
  - Specific genetic mutation, as risks vary by pathogenic variant
  - Family history
  - Comorbidities

Is there an indication for oophorectomy with Lynch Syndrome?

- Yes
- Risk depends on the mutation

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# Why do we care?

- In patients with hereditary cancer syndromes, we have an opportunity to prevent gynecologic cancers with appropriate surgical interventions
- Genetic mutations can inform cancer directed therapies

## PARP Inhibition in Ovarian Cancer

# Overall Survival With Maintenance Olaparib at a 7-Year Follow-Up in Patients With Newly Diagnosed Advanced Ovarian Cancer and a BRCA Mutation: The SOLO1/GOG 3004 Trial

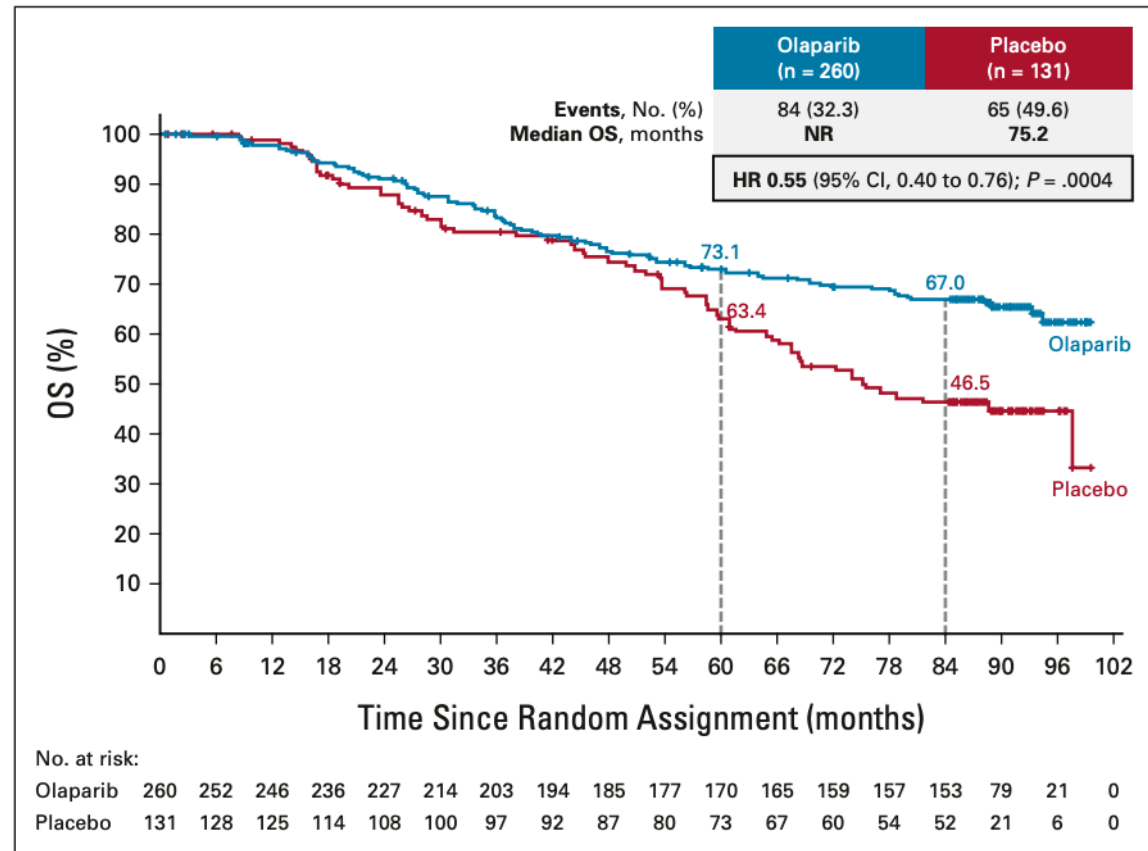
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# PARP Inhibition in Ovarian Cancers

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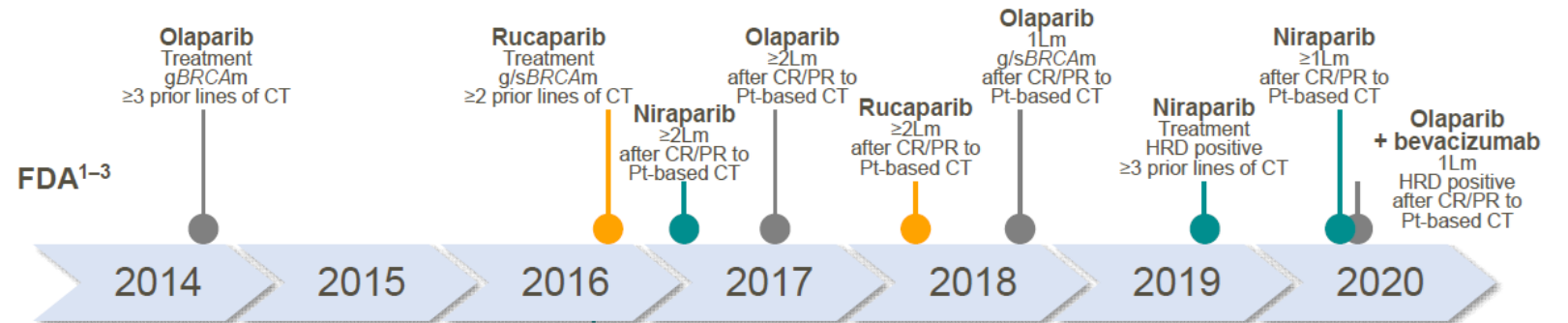
**FIG 2.** Kaplan-Meier estimates of OS. HR, hazard ratio; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival.



# PARP Inhibition in Ovarian Cancers

## Approvals of PARPi for Advanced OC

- PARPi have changed the treatment paradigm for the management of advanced OC



# Immunotherapy in recurrent endometrial cancer





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Long-term durable responses after  
pembrolizumab immunotherapy for recurrent,  
resistant endometrial cancer

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## Pembrolizumab plus Chemotherapy in Advanced Endometrial Cancer

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# Summary

- Patients are at risk for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome and Lynch syndrome
- These syndromes increase a patient's risk for gynecologic cancers including ovarian and endometrial cancer
- When diagnosed, there is an opportunity for cancer prevention with risk reducing surgery
  - A thorough family history can prevent a cancer diagnosis
  - Consider risk reducing gynecologic surgery in women with Lynch syndrome, BRCA1/2, BRIP1, RAD51C and D mutations
- Emerging therapies targeting germline and somatic mutations are demonstrating promising results in gynecologic cancers