



Facts about Gynecologic Cancers

- Gynecologic cancers include cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, uterine/endometrial cancer, vaginal cancer and vulvar cancer.
- Uterine cancer is the most common (more than 52,500 new cases per year), while ovarian cancer is the deadliest due to late stage diagnosis.
- Cervical cancer is almost totally preventable given the availability of a vaccine for both boys and girls, and a widespread primary screening program using both the Pap test and HPV test (HPV is the cause of almost all cervical cancer).
- Every 7 minutes a woman in America will learn of a gynecologic cancer diagnosis, totaling almost 95,000 new cases each year and approximately 28,500 deaths.
- Women diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer should seek care first from a gynecologic oncologist. Studies have shown that when these specialists perform the first surgery, especially for ovarian and uterine cancers, women experience better outcomes.
- Gynecologic oncologists are board-certified obstetrician/gynecologists who have an additional three to four years of specialized training.
- There are specific steps that women can take to reduce their risks and even prevent these cancers. Obesity is a contributing factor for both uterine and ovarian cancers.
- Women should be encouraged to LISTEN to their bodies; LEARN about the risks and preventive steps for each gynecologic cancer; and ACT to reduce risk, but seek care first from a gynecologic oncologist if a gynecologic cancer is suspected or diagnosed. The Foundation for Women's cancer publishes a [brochure](#) that provides information for each of the gynecologic cancers.
- The Foundation for Women's Cancer, a nonprofit organization, is the only charity in the United States that encompasses all

gynecologic cancers. It provides public awareness programs and raises funds to support research, directed primarily for young investigators for whom “seed” funding is offered on a competitive basis.

- In 1999, the Foundation for Women’s Cancer declared September as Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.

Statistics: Source, American Cancer Society 2014

	New Cases	Deaths
Cervical Cancer	12,360	4,020
Ovarian Cancer	21,980	14,270
Uterine Cancer	52,630	8,590
Vaginal Cancer	3,170	880
Vulvar Cancer	4,850	1,030
Total	94,990	28,790