UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Cervical Cancer

The UCSF Patient and Family Cancer Support Center is the hub of support, information and resources for people with cancer at the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. Learn more about UCSF's supportive care programs at https://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patientsupport-center

The Cancer Support Center at Mission Bay is located at 1825 4th St., 1st Floor, Room M-1210. The Cancer Support Center at Mt. Zion is located at 1600 Divisadero St., 1st Floor, Room B-101. The complete list of Patient Education Resource Pages is available to view at http://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-education-resources

Overview

Cervical cancer usually affects women between 40 and 55 years of age, with 16,000 cases of invasive cervical cancer diagnosed annually in the United States. Pap smears are an effective screening tool. Cervical cancers start as an abnormality of cells on the surface of the cervix. These abnormalities are not cancerous. They include dysplasia, squamous intraepithelial lesions (SIL) and carcinoma in situ. If undetected or untreated, these pre-invasive abnormalities eventually may invade normal cells of the cervix. As a result, cancer may develop, invading surrounding tissues or lymph nodes and possibly spreading to other parts of the body. If these lesions have not invaded normal cells of the cervix, treatments may be relatively simple and straightforward. Learn more information about signs, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and resources at the link provided. Website: https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/cervical-cancer

UCSF Resources

UCSF Gynecologic Oncology Center

The UCSF Gynecologic Oncology Center offers innovative, compassionate care in a supportive environment. Our team – which includes gynecologic cancer surgeons, radiation specialists and specially trained nurses – provides screening exams, diagnostic imaging and treatments such as surgery and radiation. We also offer expert advice on the latest therapies, as well as education and other services. Genetic counseling for high-risk families is also available. We have three locations in the Bay Area to make patient visits as convenient as possible. Website: https://www.ucsfhealth.org/clinics/gynecologic-oncology-center | Phone Number: (415) 353-9600

Publications

American Cancer Society: "Sex and the Adult Female with Cancer"

Website: http://www.cancer.org/treatment/treatments-and-side-effects/physical-side-effects/fertility-and-sexual-side-effects/sexuality-for-women-with-cancer.html

American Cancer Society (ACS) – Cervical Cancer
At the American Cancer Society, we're on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until we do, we'll be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention. All so you can live longer — and better.
Website: https://www.cancer.org/cancer/cervical-cancer.html | Phone Number: 800.227.2345

Cancer.Net - Cervical Cancer
This is Cancer.Net's Guide to Cervical Cancer
Website: https://www.cancer.net/cancer-t%C3%BDpes/cervical-cancer

Medline Plus: Trusted Health Information for You – Cervical Cancer
MedlinePlus is a service of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the world's largest medical library, which is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
Website: https://medlineplus.gov/cervicalcancer.html

National Cancer Institute – Cervical Cancer
"Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer"
Website: https://www.cancer.gov/types/cervical

National Comprehensive Cancer Network
"NCCN Guidelines for Patients: Ovarian Cancer".
Website: http://www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/ovarian/index.html

Health Talk "Cervical Cancer – Sex and Sexuality After Cervical Cancer"
Website: https://healthtalk.org/cervical-cancer/sex-and-sexuality-after-cervical-cancer

Organizations

Bay Area Cancer Connections
BACC helps people with breast and ovarian cancers. Services include a helpline, friend programs, pro-bono counseling, a wig boutique, financial assistance, information and support groups. Located in Palo Alto, but services are available to anyone. All services are free. Website: https://www.bayareacancer.org/ Phone Number: 650-326-6686

Cancer Support Community – Cervical Cancer

As the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. Cancer support community provides information on coping, clinical trials, recipes and more. They also have a cancer support helpline and an online support community.

Website: https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/cervical-cancer | Phone Number: 888-793-9355

Cervivor

Cervivor is a global community of patient advocates who inspire and empower those affected by cervical cancer by educating and motivating them to use their voices for creating awareness to end stigma, influence decision and change, and end cervical cancer. They informational materials as well as various programs. These programs include Cervivor School, Survivor Slimdown, Cervivor Podcast, Pap Rally and Run, MeetUps, and The Comfort Care and Compassion Program.

Website:https://cervivor.org

Foundation for Women's Cancer

FWC's mission is to bring together all communities of advocates, patients, caregivers, partners and the healthcare team to eradicate or lessen the impact of gynecologic cancer. We will achieve this through research, education and public awareness. They provide comprehensive educational materials about all gynecologic cancers. They also provide information about coping, caregiving, supportive care, clinical trials and more. FWC has webinars and recordings with a wide variety of educational material. Website: http://www.foundationforwomenscancer.org/ | Phone Number: 312-578-1439

National Cervical Cancer Coalition

NCCC's mission is to help women, family members and caregivers battle the personal issues related to cervical cancer and HPV and to advocate for cervical health in all women by promoting prevention through education about early vaccination and regular screening. They provide local chapters and the opportunity to start your own chapter as well as educational materials, webinars, research information, and free courses. NCCC created a quilt project where quilts are made by, or in memory of, women who have battled cervical cancer and precancerous HPV lesions. Website: https://www.nccc-online.org

National LGBT Cancer Network

The National LGBT Cancer Network works to improve the lives of LGBT cancer survivors and those at risk by: EDUCATING the LGBT community about our increased cancer risks and the importance of screening and early detection; TRAINING health care providers to offer more culturally-competent, safe and welcoming care; and ADVOCATING for LGBT survivors in mainstream cancer organizations, the media and research.
Website: https://cancer-network.org | Phone Number: 212-675-2633

Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance
OCRA advances ovarian cancer research while supporting women and their families. They have events such as conferences, ovarian fitness (ovarian cycle), advocacy days, and more. They provide informational material on cervical cancer and clinical trials, peer support, community partners programs, and ways to honor a loved one. Website: https://ocrahope.org/ | Phone Number: 866-399-6262

Sharsheret
For Jewish women facing breast or ovarian cancer. Informative, educational website and national events. Website: www.sharsheret.org | Phone Number: 866-474-2774