UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Peritoneal 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

Peritoneal cancer is a rare cancer that develops in the peritoneum, a thin, delicate sheet that lines the inside wall of the abdomen and covers the uterus and extends over the bladder and rectum. The peritoneum is made of epithelial cells. By producing a lubricating fluid, the peritoneum helps the organs to move smoothly inside the abdomen. Peritoneal cancer looks and behaves like ovarian cancer, but the ovaries are minimally involved. Women who develop ovarian cancer after having had their ovaries previously removed likely have peritoneal cancer. The surface of the ovaries also is made from epithelial cells. Therefore, peritoneal cancer and the most common type of ovarian cancer, called epithelial cancer, produce some of the same symptoms and are often treated in the same way. In addition, women who are at an increased risk of developing ovarian cancer, particularly due to the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genetic mutations, also are at increased risk for peritoneum cancer. Learn more information about signs, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and resources at the link provided. Website: https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/peritoneal-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

Cancer.Net – Peritoneal Cancer
This is Cancer.Net's Guide to Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Peritoneal Cancer
Website: https://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/ovarian-fallopian-tube-and-peritoneal-cancer

National Cancer Institute – Peritoneal Cancer
"Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer"
Website: https://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian/patient/ovarian-screening-pdq

National Comprehensive Cancer Network:
National Comprehensive Cancer Network "NCCN Guidelines for Patients – Ovarian Cancer/Fallopian Tube Cancer/Primary Peritoneal Cancer" Website: https://www.nccn.org/guidelines/guidelines-detail?category=1&id=1453

Organizations

Bay Area Cancer Connections
BACC helps people with breast and ovarian cancers. Services include a helpline, buddy 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

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 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

The Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Their mission is to prevent and treat gynecologic cancers with equity, thereby improving lives through advocacy, engagement, education, research, and collaboration. They provide recent news and information on gynecologic cancers, professional development information, peer support, and online communities. Website: https://www.sgo.org