UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Vaginal 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

Vaginal cancer is a rare disease and makes up less than 3 percent of all gynecological cancers. There are four different types of vaginal cancer, including:

Squamous Cell Cancer**:** The most common type, which usually occurs in the upper part of the vagina. It typically affects women between the ages of 50 and 70.

Adenocarcinoma**:** The second most common type. It usually affects women between the ages of 12 and 30, although it occasionally occurs in women of all age groups.

Malignant Melanomas Sarcomas**:** Extremely rare forms of the disease.

It is important to know that even if you have had a hysterectomy, you can still develop vaginal cancer. Learn more information about signs, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and resources at the link provided. Website: https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/vaginal-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) – Vaginal Cancer
At the American Cancer Society, we are on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until we do, we will 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/vaginal-cancer.html Phone Number: 800.227.2345

Cancer.Net - Vaginal Cancer
This is Cancer.Net's Guide to Vaginal Cancer
Website: https://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/vaginal-cancer

Medline Plus: Trusted Health Information for You – Vaginal 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/vaginalcancer.html

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

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

Cancer Support Community – Vaginal 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/vaginal-cancer Phone Number: 888-793-9355

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

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
The mission of the NOCC is to save lives through the prevention and cure of ovarian cancer and to improve quality of life for survivors and their caregivers. They provide stories of inspiration, ways to honor a loved one, informational resources, and support for caregivers, newly diagnosed, and those whose cancer has returned. Website: http://www.ovarian.org | Phone Number: 888-682-7426

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