UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Vulvar 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

Vulvar cancer forms in the vulva, the area around the external genital organs on a woman. The vulva includes the following parts:

Labia: The lips around the opening of the vagina

Clitoris: A small mass of tissue at the opening of the vagina

Bartholin's Glands: The small mucus-producing glands on either side of the vaginal opening

In most cases, cancer of the vulva affects the labia. Less often, cancer occurs on the clitoris or in Bartholin's glands. Over 90 percent of vulvar cancers are considered a type of skin cancer because they begin in the squamous cells, the main cell type of the skin. They usually develop slowly over many years and in their earliest form are not cancerous. When diagnosed and treated early, vulvar cancer can be cured in more than 90 percent of cases. Learn more information about signs, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and resources at the link provided. Website: https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/vulvar-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) – Vulvar 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/vulvar-cancer.html Phone Number: 800.227.2345

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

Medline Plus: Trusted Health Information for You – Vulvar 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/ency/article/000902.htm

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

National Comprehensive Cancer Network: "NCCN Guidelines for Patients- Vulvar Cancer"
Website: https://www.nccn.org/guidelines/guidelines-detail?category=1&id=1476

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

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 Phone Number: 866-474-2774