

Pathfinder Series: Gynecologic Cancers

This pathfinder provides information about resources available in the JCC Patient & Family Resource Centre and on the internet.

Book

Women's Cancers: Pathways to Living / Richard J. Smith

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Taking patients through all aspects of cancer care, this book provides specific, accurate information on various tumour types and treatment modalities, surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and complementary therapy. It explores holistic health and wellbeing as well as psychological responses, recognising distress and the treatments and interventions to help. World-renowned surgeon Richard Smith, founder of Uterine Transplant UK, describes all of the common gynecologic cancers, their epidemiology, staging and treatment. Speaking directly to the patient and her family, he discusses not only the medical but also the psychological, spiritual and religious aspects to coping and living with a cancer diagnosis. Written for patients and their families, this book will also be an invaluable resource for nurses, and medical and nursing students, working within the field of gynecologic cancers.

Websites

American Cancer Society

Cervical Cancer <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/cervical-cancer.html>

Endometrial Cancer <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/endometrial-cancer.html>

Vaginal Cancer <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/vaginal-cancer.html>

Vulvar Cancer <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/vulvar-cancer.html>

The ACS offers key overviews of these cancers. Each webpage link leads to Information about diagnosis, staging, questions to ask, treatment and next steps.

Cancer.net

<https://www.cancer.net/cancer-types>

This website offers concise and useful information on various types of gynecologic cancers including cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar. Click on the alphabetical list of cancer types to find the correct cancer you are looking for.

Centres for Disease Control and Prevention – Gynecologic Cancers

<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/gynecologic/>

This site offers a good overview, and a wealth of information about gynecologic cancers, brochures, videos, podcasts, and advocacy/awareness materials. Resources are available in English and Spanish.

Foundation for Women’s Cancer

<http://www.foundationforwomenscancer.org/>

Extremely useful and informative site for all types of gynecologic cancer resources, links and publications. The site has detailed and comprehensive information about cervical, endometrial, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar cancers.

National Cancer Institute

Cervical Cancer <http://www.cancer.gov/types/cervical>

Uterine (Endometrial) Cancer <http://www.cancer.gov/types/uterine>

Vaginal Cancer <https://www.cancer.gov/types/vaginal>

Vulvar Cancer <https://www.cancer.gov/types/vulvar>

Excellent overviews of these cancers are available from the US-based NCI. Each webpage includes information on treatment, coping, latest research, statistics, and more.

OncoLink – Gynecologic Cancers

<http://www.oncolink.org/types/types.cfm?c=6>

OncoLink provides detailed information about gynecologic cancers including fallopian tube cancer. The website also includes resources on coping with cancer, links to other relevant sites, support services, tips on preparing for your first visits with your healthcare team and much more.

University Health Network – Gynecology

https://www.uhn.ca/PatientsFamilies/Health_Information/Health_Topics/Pages/Health-Topic-Details.aspx?itemId=106&resource=Gynecology

The UHN has provided a series on topics of interest to women with gynecologic cancer, including information about what to expect during treatment, recovery from surgery, side effect management and more. Some of the information is specific to UHN patients, but most are for general use.