

Questions to Ask Your Doctor: How Ovarian Cancer is Diagnosed?

Facing the possibility of ovarian cancer can be overwhelming, but knowing what to expect can help you feel more in control. Since several tests may be needed to confirm a diagnosis, asking the right questions can help you understand your options and next steps. Please also see the additional questions to ask your doctor in the resources below.

The possibility of ovarian cancer can be scary, and it's important to understand what comes next. Since more tests may be needed to confirm a diagnosis, asking the right questions can help you make informed decisions about your care.

- **Should I see a gynecologic oncologist at this stage?**

- **What additional tests do I need to find out if I have ovarian cancer?**

- **How do imaging tests, like ultrasounds or CT scans, help in diagnosing ovarian cancer?**

- **Do I need a CA-125 blood test, and how accurate is it for my situation?**

- **Will I need a biopsy, and how is that procedure done?**

- **What other blood tests or markers are used to help diagnose ovarian cancer?**



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- How long will it take to get the results from these diagnostic tests?

- If the test results are unclear, what are the next steps?

- If the tests suggest ovarian cancer, what further steps will be taken to confirm the diagnosis?

- Will genetic testing be part of the diagnostic process, and how will those results impact my treatment options?

- Can I get a copy of the diagnostic report to better understand my condition and seek a second opinion if needed?

- What happens after the diagnosis is confirmed? What are the next steps in treatment planning?

- If it turns out to be cancer, how will we determine the stage and type?



These questions may help you talk with your doctor and make informed decisions about treatment and care.

Scan to see additional questions to ask your doctor and access helpful resources.



ABOUT THE NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER COALITION

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) is dedicated to raising awareness, promoting education, and providing support for individuals impacted by ovarian cancer.

Since 1991, NOCC has offered programs and resources including peer support, online education, care packages, and financial assistance to help survivors and caregivers navigate their journey.



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