## **Questions to Ask Your Doctor: Ovarian Cancer Awareness and Detection**

If you are at higher risk or have general questions about how ovarian cancer is found, these questions may help you talk with your doctor and make informed decisions about your care. Please also see the additional questions to ask your doctor in the resource below.

Because there is no routine screening test for ovarian cancer, it's important to understand how it can be detected if symptoms appear. These questions can help you talk with your doctor about recognizing signs, assessing risk, and knowing what steps to take if concerns arise.

•	What are	the com	mon signs	and	symptoms	of	ovarian	cancer?
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•	Since there is no screening test for	ovarian	cancer,	what	should	I do	to
	monitor my gynecologic health?						

- If I have an abnormal result on a pelvic exam or imaging, what are the next steps?
- If I have vague symptoms like bloating or pelvic pain, when should I see a doctor?
- If I have a personal or family history of ovarian or related cancers, how does that affect when and how I should be monitored?









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- Are there any genetic tests I should consider if I am at risk for ovarian cancer?
- If I have symptoms, what tests might be recommended?
- If ovarian cancer is suspected, what imaging tests (like an ultrasound or MRI)
   might be used?
- How effective are blood tests like the CA-125 in detecting ovarian cancer?
- If my symptoms don't go away but my test results are normal, what should I do?

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.





