

# Peritoneal Cancer

**UCSF** Helen Diller Family  
Comprehensive  
Cancer Center

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/patient-support-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

Peritoneal cancer is a rare cancer that develops in the peritoneum, a thin, delicate sheet that lines the inside wall of the abdomen and covers the uterus and extends over the bladder and rectum. The peritoneum is made of epithelial cells. By producing a lubricating fluid, the peritoneum helps the organs to move smoothly inside the abdomen. Peritoneal cancer looks and behaves like ovarian cancer, but the ovaries are minimally involved. Women who develop ovarian cancer after having had their ovaries previously removed likely have peritoneal cancer. The surface of the ovaries also is made from epithelial cells. Therefore, peritoneal cancer and the most common type of ovarian cancer, called epithelial cancer, produce some of the same symptoms and are often treated in the same way. In addition, women who are at an increased risk of developing ovarian cancer, particularly due to the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genetic mutations, also are at increased risk for peritoneum cancer. Website: <https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/peritoneal-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 Woman 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>

## 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, 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.Net – Peritoneal Cancer

This is Cancer.Net’s Guide to Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Peritoneal Cancer

Website: <https://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/ovarian-fallopian-tube-and-peritoneal-cancer>

Foundation for Women’s Cancer

Provides comprehensive educational materials about all gynecologic cancers. Also has much information about coping, caregiving, supportive care, clinical trials and more

Website: <http://www.foundationforwomenscancer.org/> | Phone Number: 312-578-1439

National Cancer Institute – Peritoneal Cancer

“Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer”

Website: <https://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian/patient/ovarian-screening-pdq>

National Comprehensive Cancer Network:

“NCCN Guidelines for Patients: Ovarian Cancer”.

Website: <http://www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/ovarian/index.html>

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/about/> | Phone Number: 212-675-2633

Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance

OCRA advances ovarian cancer research while supporting women and their families.

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](http://www.sharsheret.org) | Phone Number: 866-474-2774

*This information is intended to offer credible and reliable education resources for patients who want to learn more about their diagnosis. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all resources available.*

