

AT YOUR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT

- Take this journal with you and use it to help explain each symptom
- Tell the doctor clearly what you are worried about and take a list of questions you want to ask
- Discuss any known family history of breast or ovarian cancer, and your heritage - People from backgrounds including Ashkenazi Jewish, Polish, Icelandic and Pakistani may be more likely to carry a genetic fault that increases ovarian cancer risk
- Take someone with you for support and to help keep a record of what is said
- **Request a CA-125 blood test if it's not suggested**
- Seek a second opinion if you are not happy with the outcome
- Keep a record of your interactions with physicians, including dates of visits, outcomes and next steps



The Bridget Nesko Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to the memory of Bridget Nesko, BSN, RN who died November 28, 2022, from ovarian cancer at the age of 55.

A 501c3 charity, the Foundation provides educational scholarships to children of families impacted by ovarian cancer, does grass roots advocacy for ovarian cancer awareness, and promotes the use of a CA-125 and BRCA1 and BRCA2 genetic test for early ovarian cancer detection. We are developing a pilot program to provide access to such testing to women who cannot afford it or cannot locate a healthcare team prepared to provide access to it

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Ovarian Cancer Symptoms Journal

Help Your Medical Team Help You



Use this journal to track your symptoms and share them with your Medical Team

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Use this journal to track your potential ovarian cancer symptoms so you can share them in writing with your Doctor.

What are the symptoms of ovarian cancer?

- **Abdominal discomfort**, including bloating, swelling, or mild pain in the abdomen area.
- **A growing pain** in the back, kidney area, or pelvis for no apparent reason, like exercise, overdoing tasks – or pain during sex.
- **Appetite and stomach issues**, including trouble eating, loss of appetite, feeling full more quickly than you should, an upset stomach or heartburn.
- **Bladder and Bowel Issues**, including needing to – or having the feeling of needing to – urinate frequently, constipation or diarrhea.
- **Fatigue**. Getting tired easily and being tired a lot for no specific reason.
- **Unexplained weight changes**, losing weight without trying, or bloating that seems like or accounts for actual weight gain.
- **Unusual vaginal discharge** or change in menstrual periods, vaginal bleeding between periods, or bleeding after menopause.

This journal is easy to use and allows you to log the frequency and severity of the symptoms you are experiencing.

If you have already seen your Medical Team and your symptoms are not getting better, this log serves as a written document to demonstrate what and when you are experiencing the conditions and will establish a foundation for your receiving Cancer Antigen-125 (“CA-125”) blood testing as soon as possible.

How to use this journal

Each day you experience one of the symptoms, make a note in the box for that day to indicate its severity on a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being mild and 10 being severe).

You don’t have to log your symptoms over the complete four weeks but try to complete at least 14 days. Once you’ve finished your entries, take a copy to your Medical Team.

While ovarian cancer is not a common disease, the presence and persistence of more than three of these symptoms suggests that you may need to ask your medical team to perform a **CA-125** blood test to assess its possible presence. Other tests will be performed as well, to help assess your condition. Other tests might also include a BRCA1 and BRCA2 genetic test.

For more information, go to:

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Symptom	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Abdominal discomfort	M		M	
	T		T	
	W		W	
	T		T	
	F		F	
	S		S	
	S		S	
A numb or growing pain	M		M	
	T		T	
	W		W	
	T		T	
	F		F	
	S		S	
	S		S	
Appetite and stomach issues	M		M	
	T		T	
	W		W	
	T		T	
	F		F	
	S		S	
	S		S	
Bladder and Bowel Issues	M		M	
	T		T	
	W		W	
	T		T	
	F		F	
	S		S	
	S		S	
Fatigue	M		M	
	T		T	
	W		W	
	T		T	
	F		F	
	S		S	
	S		S	
Unexplained weight changes	M		M	
	T		T	
	W		W	
	T		T	
	F		F	
	S		S	
	S		S	
Unusual vaginal discharge	M		M	
	T		T	
	W		W	
	T		T	
	F		F	
	S		S	
	S		S	



Two more women were diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the last hour.
Ovarian Cancer stole the lives of more than 36 women today in the US



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