

Ovarian Cancer: The Whispering Disease – Interview Transcripts

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“The symptoms of this cancer can be very non-specific, so it’s very important to be aware of these symptoms, which can include abdominal distention or bloating or shortness of breath or abdominal pain or pelvic pain or urinary symptoms. Sometimes even getting blood clots in the legs could be because of ovarian cancer.” (:25)

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“If you have any symptoms like abdominal distention or urinary symptoms or shortness of breath or pain, you should see your PCP and gyne right away, because ignoring these symptoms can lead to cancer diagnosis at a very advanced stage.” (:18)

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“Ovarian cancer can present at any age, but the most common age group is in the 60s. But if you have a high-risk family or genetic mutation, then patients can present at a much younger age.” (:16)

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“I would advise all women to be aware of the symptoms and seek advice from your primary care and your gyne doctor. Be aware and take all the preventative steps and the screening methods that can be used to diagnose this cancer early so that it can be treated successfully.” (:20)