

Ovarian Cancer: Symptoms



What are the symptoms of ovarian cancer?

Ovarian cancer often doesn't cause any symptoms until after it has spread outside the ovary. Even then, it often causes vague symptoms that are a lot like those caused by other, more common diseases. Common symptoms can include:

- Bloating or a sense of fullness, especially after eating
- Pelvic pain or cramping
- Trouble eating or feeling full quickly
- Urinary frequency or urgency
- Indigestion, heartburn, nausea, or gas
- Belly swelling or discomfort
- Back pain
- Constipation
- Tiredness and lack of energy (fatigue)
- Loss of appetite
- Unplanned weight loss or weight gain
- Vaginal bleeding or discharge
- Irregular periods
- Pain during sex

When to see your healthcare provider

Many of these symptoms may be caused by other health problems. But it's important to see your healthcare provider if you have these symptoms. Only a healthcare provider can tell if you have cancer.

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