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# Uterine Cancer

**Also called:** Endometrial cancer

The uterus [<https://medlineplus.gov/uterinediseases.html>] , or womb, is the place where a baby grows when a women is pregnant. There are different types of uterine cancer. The most common type starts in the endometrium, the lining of the uterus. This type is also called endometrial cancer.

The symptoms of uterine cancer include:

- Abnormal vaginal bleeding [<https://medlineplus.gov/vaginalbleeding.html>] or discharge
- Trouble urinating
- Pelvic pain [<https://medlineplus.gov/pelvicpain.html>]
- Pain during intercourse

Uterine cancer usually happens after menopause. It is more common in women who have obesity. You also have a higher risk if you took estrogen-only hormone replacement therapy [<https://medlineplus.gov/hormonereplacementtherapy.html>] (menopausal hormone therapy) for many years.

Tests to find uterine cancer include a pelvic exam, imaging tests, and a biopsy. The most common treatment is a hysterectomy [<https://medlineplus.gov/hysterectomy.html>] , which is surgery to remove the uterus. Sometimes the surgery also removes the ovaries and fallopian tubes. Other treatments include hormone therapy, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy. Some women get more than one type of treatment.

*NIH: National Cancer Institute*



## Start Here

- Endometrial Cancer [<https://www.acog.org/womens-health/faqs/endometrial-cancer>]  
(American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists)
- Uterine Cancer: Cancer of the Uterus [<https://womenshealth.gov/cancer/uterine-cancer>]  
(Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health)  
Also in Spanish [<https://espanol.womenshealth.gov/cancer/uterine-cancer>]


## Symptoms

- Symptoms of Uterine Cancer [<https://www.cdc.gov/uterine-cancer/symptoms/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)


## Diagnosis and Tests

- Endometrial Cancer Screening [<https://www.cancer.gov/types/uterine/patient/endometrial-screening-pdq>]  
 (National Cancer Institute)  
Also in Spanish [[https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/tipos/uterino/paciente/deteccion-endometrio-pdq#section/\\_13](https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/tipos/uterino/paciente/deteccion-endometrio-pdq#section/_13)]
- Pelvis Ultrasound [<https://www.radiologyinfo.org/en/info/pelvus>]  
 (American College of Radiology; Radiological Society of North America)




Also in Spanish [<https://www.radiologyinfo.org/es/info/pelvus>]

- **PTEN Genetic Test** [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/pten-genetic-test/>]  (National Library of Medicine)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/pruebas-de-laboratorio/prueba-genetica-del-pten/>]
- **Tests for Endometrial Cancer** [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/endometrial-cancer/detection-diagnosis-staging/how-diagnosed.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/tipos/cancer-de-endometrio/deteccion-diagnostico-clasificacion-por-etapas/como-se-diagnostica.html>]
- **Uterine Sarcoma Stages** [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/uterine-sarcoma/detection-diagnosis-staging/staging.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/tipos/sarcoma-uterino/deteccion-diagnostico-clasificacion-por-etapas/clasificacion-por-etapas.html>]

## Prevention and Risk Factors

- **Endometrial Cancer Prevention** [<https://www.cancer.gov/types/uterine/patient/endometrial-prevention-pdq>]  (National Cancer Institute)  
Also in Spanish [[https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/tipos/uterino/paciente/prevencion-endometrio-pdq#section/\\_12](https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/tipos/uterino/paciente/prevencion-endometrio-pdq#section/_12)]
- **Endometrial Cancer Risk Factors** [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/endometrial-cancer/causes-risks-prevention/risk-factors.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/tipos/cancer-de-endometrio/causas-riesgos-prevencion/factores-de-riesgo.html>]
- **Risk Factors for Uterine Sarcoma** [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/uterine-sarcoma/causes-risks-prevention/risk-factors.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/tipos/sarcoma-uterino/causas-riesgos-prevencion/factores-de-riesgo.html>]

## Treatments and Therapies

- **Dilation and curettage (D&C)** [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/dilation-and-curettage/about/pac-20384910?p=1>] (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
- **Drugs Approved for Endometrial Cancer** [<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/drugs/endometrial>]  (National Cancer Institute)
- **Endometrial Cancer Treatment** [<https://www.cancer.gov/types/uterine/patient/endometrial-treatment-pdq>]  (National Cancer Institute)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/tipos/uterino/paciente/tratamiento-endometrio-pdq>]
- **Treatment Option Overview (Uterine Sarcoma)** [[https://www.cancer.gov/types/uterine/patient/uterine-sarcoma-treatment-pdq#\\_56](https://www.cancer.gov/types/uterine/patient/uterine-sarcoma-treatment-pdq#_56)]  (National Cancer Institute)  
Also in Spanish [[https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/tipos/uterino/paciente/tratamiento-sarcoma-uterino-pdq#\\_52](https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/tipos/uterino/paciente/tratamiento-sarcoma-uterino-pdq#_52)]


## Living With

- **Living as a Uterine Sarcoma Survivor** [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/uterine-sarcoma/after-treatment/follow-up.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/tipos/sarcoma-uterino/despues-del-tratamiento/cuidado-de-seguimiento.html>]



## Related Issues

- **Fertility Problems** [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/managing-cancer/side-effects/fertility.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/como-sobrellevar-el-cancer/efectos-secundarios/efectos-secundarios-sobre-la-fertilidad-y-la-sexualidad.html>]
- **Questions to Ask about Uterine Sarcoma** [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/uterine-sarcoma/detection-diagnosis-staging/talking-with-doctor.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/tipos/sarcoma-uterino/deteccion-diagnostico-clasificacion-por-etapas/la-comunicacion-con-su-medico.html>]



## Specifics

- Uterine Sarcoma Treatment [<https://www.cancer.gov/types/uterine/patient/uterine-sarcoma-treatment-pdq>]  (National Cancer Institute)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/tipos/uterino/paciente/tratamiento-sarcoma-uterino-pdq>]
- What Is Uterine Sarcoma? [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/uterine-sarcoma/about/what-is-uterine-sarcoma.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/tipos/sarcoma-uterino/acerca/que-es-sarcoma-uterino.html>]

## Statistics and Research

- Advances in Endometrial Cancer Research [<https://www.cancer.gov/types/uterine/research>]  (National Cancer Institute)
- Cancer Statistics: Uterine Cancer [<https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/corp.html>]  (National Cancer Institute)
- Uterine Cancer Statistics [<https://www.cdc.gov/uterine-cancer/statistics/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cdc.gov/uterine-cancer/es/statistics/index.html>]
- What's New in Uterine Sarcoma Research? [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/uterine-sarcoma/about/new-research.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/tipos/sarcoma-uterino/acerca/nuevas-investigaciones.html>]

## Clinical Trials


- ClinicalTrials.gov: Endometrial Neoplasms [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Endometrial+Neoplasms%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)
- ClinicalTrials.gov: Uterine Neoplasms [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Uterine+Neoplasms%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)

## Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Increased risk of atrial fibrillation in uterine fibroid patients: a nationwide... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40744992>]
- Article: Comparative Analysis of Differentially Expressed Long Non-Coding RNA in Pre- and... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40725045>]
- Article: Risk factors for surgical site infections following microwave ablation of the... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40722075>]
- Uterine Cancer -- see more articles [<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=%22Uterine+Neoplasms%22%5Bmajr%3Anoexp%5D+AND+humans%5Bmh%5D+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+%22last+1+Year%22+%5Bedat%5D+NOT+%28letter%5Bpt%5D+OR+case+reports%5Bpt%5D+OR+editorial%5Bpt%5D+OR+comment%5Bpt%5D%29+AND+free+full+text%5Bsb%5D+>]




## Reference Desk

- Dictionary of Cancer Terms [<https://www.cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries/cancer-terms>]  (National Cancer Institute)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/publicaciones/diccionarios/diccionario-cancer/>]

## Find an Expert

- American Cancer Society [<https://www.cancer.org/>]
- Choosing a Cancer Doctor [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/managing-cancer/finding-care/where-to-find-cancer-care/choosing-a-cancer-doctor.html>] (American Cancer Society)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.org/es/cancer/como-sobrellevar-el-cancer/encontrar-tratamiento/como-elegir-un-medico-y-un-hospital/como-seleccionar-a-un-medico.html>]
- Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health [<https://womenshealth.gov/>]

Also in Spanish [<https://espanol.womenshealth.gov/>]

- How to Find Find an Ob-Gyn [<https://www.acog.org/womens-health/find-an-ob-gyn>]  
(American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists)
- National Cancer Institute [<https://www.cancer.gov/>]   
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/>]
- NCI - Designated Cancer Centers [<https://www.cancer.gov/research/infrastructure/cancer-centers>]  
 (National Cancer Institute)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cancer.gov/espanol/investigacion/infraestructura/centros-oncologicos>]
- Organizations that Offer Cancer Support Services [<https://supportorgs.cancer.gov/home.aspx>]  (National Cancer Institute)  
Also in Spanish [<https://supportorgs.cancer.gov/home.aspx?lang=2>]

## Patient Handouts

- Choriocarcinoma [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001496.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/001496.htm>]
- Endometrial biopsy [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003917.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/003917.htm>]
- Endometrial cancer [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000910.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/000910.htm>]
- Uterine Cancer [[https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/uterine/pdf/uterine\\_facts.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/uterine/pdf/uterine_facts.pdf)] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) - **PDF**  
Also in Spanish [[https://www.cdc.gov/spanish/cancer/uterine/pdf/uterine\\_facts\\_sp.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/spanish/cancer/uterine/pdf/uterine_facts_sp.pdf)]



## MEDICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA

Abdominal radiation - discharge [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/patientinstructions/000054.htm>]

Choriocarcinoma [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001496.htm>]

D and C [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/002914.htm>]

D and C - series [[https://medlineplus.gov/ency/presentations/100013\\_1.htm](https://medlineplus.gov/ency/presentations/100013_1.htm)]

Endometrial biopsy [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003917.htm>]

Endometrial cancer [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000910.htm>]

Pelvic radiation - discharge [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/patientinstructions/000059.htm>]

Pelvic ultrasound - abdominal [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/007667.htm>]

Pelvis MRI scan [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/007355.htm>]

Radiation enteritis [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000300.htm>]

Uterine sarcoma [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/007655.htm>]

Related Health Topics

- Cervical Cancer [https://medlineplus.gov/cervicalcancer.html]
- Hysterectomy [https://medlineplus.gov/hysterectomy.html]
- Uterine Diseases [https://medlineplus.gov/uterinediseases.html]
- Women's Health Checkup [https://medlineplus.gov/womenshealthcheckup.html]

National Institutes of Health

The primary NIH organization for research on *Uterine Cancer* is the National Cancer Institute [http://www.cancer.gov/]

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