Ovarian, Peritoneal, + Fallopian Tube Cancers

Previously called "silent killers," most women experience cancer-related symptoms months before a diagnosis is made.

10 SYMPTOMS

- abdominal pain + bloating
- weight loss
- feeling full without having eaten much
- needing to urinate frequently
- a feeling of fullness in the pelvis
- clothes fitting tightly around the belly
- nausea + vomiting
- lower back pain
- fatigue
- changes in bowel habits, especially constipation

Recognizing that the new onset or increased severity of symptoms can represent ovarian cancer provides an important diagnostic opportunity for ob-gyns.

Women with ovarian cancer report that symptoms are persistent and represent a change from normal for their bodies.

The frequency and/or number of such symptoms are key factors in the diagnosis of ovarian cancer. Several studies show that even early stage cancer can produce these symptoms.

Women who have these symptoms almost daily for more than a few weeks should see their ob-gyn. Early stage diagnosis is associated with an improved prognosis.