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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER IS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system. More than half of the deaths occur in women age 55 to 74, but can also affect women younger than 55.

Women with a family history of the disease have a higher risk factor.

Ovarian cancer is a fast-growing tumor, progressing from early to advanced disease in as little as a year. Symptoms often go undetected. But, knowing the early signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer can lead to early diagnosis and life-saving treatment.

The most common early symptoms might include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, trouble eating or fullness, and urgent or frequent urination. If you experience any of these signs daily for two weeks or longer, see your doctor.

Screening for ovarian cancer is difficult, but pelvic imaging and blood tests are the best current methods.

For information on ovarian cancer risk, screening, diagnosis and treatment, visit RadiologyInfo.org. That's RadiologyInfo dot O-R-G.

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