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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER IS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

According to the American Cancer Society, ovarian cancer is responsible for more than 14,000 deaths in the United States each year. It's the fifth most deadly cancer in women largely because early ovarian cancer often has no symptoms.

When symptoms do appear, they tend to be associated with other conditions. These symptoms may include persistent bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly and frequent urination. Transvaginal ultrasound, pelvic exam and blood tests are currently the best methods to diagnose the cause of these symptoms and whether they are from ovarian cancer. Early diagnosis is key to successful treatment.

The risk for ovarian cancer increases with age, and most cancers occur after menopause. Obesity and a personal or family history of ovarian or breast cancer can increase your risk.

For more information about ovarian cancer, visit *RadiologyInfo.org*.

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