

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER IS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

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September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Ovarian cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related death in American women. This is 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 determine whether they are from ovarian cancer. Early diagnosis is key to successful treatment.

Your 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. While white women have a higher rate of ovarian cancer diagnosis, Black women are more likely to die from the disease.

For more information, visit [Radiology-Info-dot-org](http://Radiology-Info-dot-org).

This health reminder is from the Radiological Society of North America.

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