HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS FOLLOWED IN THE GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY SERVICE

Uterine (endometrial) Cancer

FROM THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY:

"Uterine cancer is a malignant tumour that starts in the cells of the uterus. Malignant means that it can spread, or metastasize, to other parts of the body.

The uterus is also called the womb. It is part of a woman’s reproductive system. The uterus is the hollow, muscular, pear-shaped organ where a fetus develops and grows during pregnancy. The lining of the uterus is called the endometrium. It is made up of tissue with many glands.

[…] Cells in the uterus sometimes change and no longer grow or behave normally. […]

In some cases, changes to uterus cells can cause cancer. Most often, uterine cancer starts in the endometrium. This type of uterine cancer is called endometrial carcinoma and it makes up more than 95% of all uterine cancers. Carcinosarcoma is another type of cancer that can start in the endometrium. Uterine sarcoma is a type of cancer that can develop in the muscle or connective tissues of the uterus.

[…] For more information, please talk to your doctor or visit the Canadian Cancer Society website: www.cancer.ca > Cancer information > Cancer types > Uterine cancer

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USEFUL WEBSITES

❖ BC CANCER AGENCY (BCCA)
   The BC Cancer Agency's mandate covers the spectrum of cancer care from prevention and screening, to diagnosis, treatment, and through to rehabilitation.
   www.bccancer.bc.ca > Health info > Types of cancer > Women's cancer > Uterus / Endometrium

❖ WOMEN’S HEALTH MATTERS
   Women's health experts from Women's College Hospital and the Women's College Research Institute developed this site and play an ongoing role in its expansion and review.
   www.womenshealthmatters.ca > Health centres > Endometrial cancer

❖ NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE
   The US Government's main agency for cancer research and training.
   www.cancer.gov > Cancer types > Uterine cancer
   What You Need To Know About Cancer of the Uterus (.pdf)
   Endometrial Cancer Treatment
   Endometrial Cancer Prevention
   Endometrial Cancer Screening
   Uterine Scarcoma Treatment

❖ WOMEN’S CANCER NETWORK
   The mission of the Women's Cancer Network is to keep women informed and to enable them to be their own health advocates. The Women's Cancer Network was developed by The Gynecologic Cancer Foundation.
   www.wcn.org > Type of gynecological cancers > Uterine/Endometrial Cancer

❖ AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
   voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem.
   www.cancer.org > Learn about cancer > Endometrial Cancer > Detailed Guide
   > uterine Sarcoma > Detailed Guide

❖ CANCER RESEARCH UK
   The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based
   The website is designed by Cancer Research UK that provides reliable, easy to understand patient information.
   www.cancerhelp.org.uk > Your cancer type > More cancer types > Womb Cancer

❖ MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT UK
   Founded in 1911, Macmillan Cancer Support has grown to become the largest cancer care and support charity in the UK. It exists to help improve the lives of people affected by cancer, both those living with cancer and also their families and carers.
   www.macmillan.org.uk > Information and support > Cancer type > Womb (endometrial) cancer

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