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Jewish General Hospital

Patient and Family Resource Centre

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www.jgh.ca/gynonc

HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS FOLLOWED IN THE GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY SERVICE

Chemotherapy for Vaginal Cancer

FROM CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY:

What is chemotherapy

Chemotherapy is a method of treating cancer by using drugs. Often, a combination of chemotherapy drugs is used.

How chemotherapy works

- Cancer cells grow in an uncontrolled way. Chemotherapy drugs slow or even stop the cancer cells from growing, multiplying or spreading to other parts of your body.
- Chemotherapy is a powerful treatment affecting the whole body, so healthy cells can also be damaged. This damage to healthy cells causes side effects. The damage is mostly temporary and the healthy cells will repair themselves.
- Everyone is different and everyone's cancer, treatment and side effects are different. Talk to your healthcare team about your situation. They can suggest ways to manage your side effects.

For more information please talk to your doctor or visit the **Canadian Cancer Society** website:

<http://www.cancer.ca/> > Quebec > Cancer information > Diagnosis and treatment > Chemotherapy and other drug therapies > [Chemotherapy](#)

<http://www.cancer.ca/> > Quebec > Cancer information > Cancer type - Vaginal > Vaginal Cancer > [Treatment : Chemotherapy](#)

Turn over for more useful resources →

Please note: The information provided by the Library is for educational purposes. The Library staff are not medical professionals and cannot diagnose illness or recommend treatment. We encourage you to discuss the information we provide with your doctor or healthcare professional.



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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 > **Patient/Public info** > **Cancer treatment** > [Cancer Drugs](#)
www.bccancer.bc.ca > **Types of cancer** > **Vagina** > [Treatment](#)

❖ **NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE**

The US Government's main agency for cancer research and training.

www.cancer.gov > **Cancer topics** > **Treatment : Types of treatment** > [Chemotherapy](#)
www.cancer.gov > **Cancer topics** > **All Cancer Types** > **Women's Cancers** > **Vaginal**
: [Vaginal Cancer Treatment \[patient\]](#)

❖ **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 > **Types of gynaecological cancers** > **Vaginal cancer** > [Chemotherapy](#)

❖ **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

www.cancer.org > **Learn About Cancer** > Select "Vaginal cancer" > **Detailed Guide** > **Treating Vaginal Cancer** > [Chemotherapy for vaginal cancer](#)

❖ **CANCERHELP UK**

The website is designed by Cancer Research UK that provides reliable, easy to understand patient information.

www.cancerhelp.org.uk > **Your Cancer Type** > **Vaginal cancer** > **Treatment of cancer of the vagina** > [Chemotherapy](#)

❖ **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT UK**

From its early beginnings, founded in 1911 by Douglas Macmillan, 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.

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk> > **Cancer Information** > **Cancer types** > **Vaginal cancer** > [Treatment of vaginal cancer](#)