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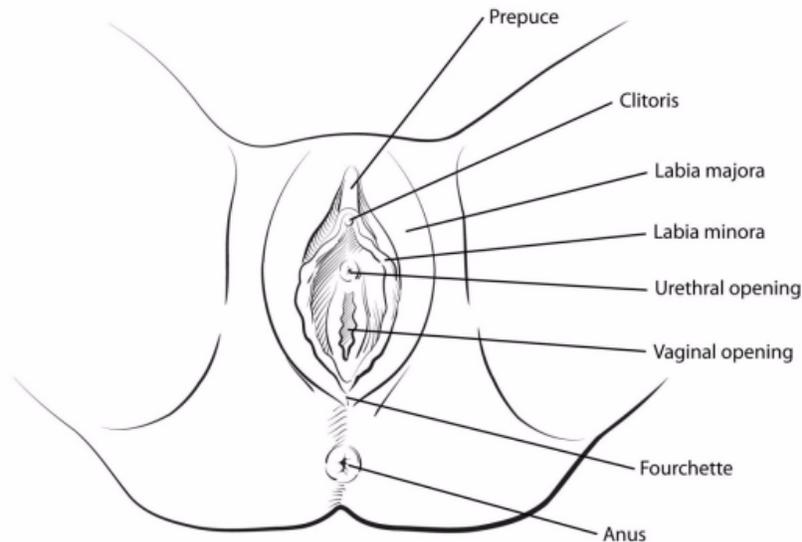
HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS FOLLOWED IN THE GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY SERVICE

Vulvar Cancer

FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY:

“The vulva is the outer part of the female genitals. The vulva includes the opening of the vagina (sometimes called the vestibule), the labia majora (outer lips), the labia minora (inner lips), and the clitoris.

Around the opening of the vagina, there are 2 sets of skin folds. The inner set, called the labia minora, are small and hairless. The outer set, the labia majora, are larger, with hair on the outer surface. These inner and outer labia (Latin for lips) meet, protecting the vaginal opening and, just above it, the opening of the urethra (the short tube that carries urine from the bladder). The Bartholin glands are found just inside the opening of the vagina -- one on each side. These glands produce a mucus-like fluid that acts as a lubricant during sex.



Cancer of the vulva (also known as vulvar cancer) most often affects the inner edges of the labia majora or the labia minora. Cancer occurs on the clitoris or in the Bartholin glands less often.

[...]

The 3 main types of treatment used for patients with vulvar cancer are

- Surgery
- Radiation therapy
- Chemotherapy”

For more information, please talk to your doctor or visit the **American Cancer Society** website: www.cancer.org > **Learn about cancer > Vulvar Cancer**

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USEFUL WEBSITES

- ❖ **CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY** 
The Canadian Cancer Society is the largest charitable funder of cancer research in Canada. Our research dollars are allocated by the National Cancer Institute of Canada.
www.cancer.ca > Cancer information > See all > Vulvar > [Vulvar cancer](#)
- ❖ **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 > A to Z List of Cancers > [Vulva](#)
- ❖ **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**
The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem.
www.cancer.org > Learn about cancer > Vulvar Cancer > [Detailed Guide](#)
- ❖ **MAYO CLINIC**
“ Our mission is to empower people to manage their health. We accomplish this by providing useful and up-to-date information and tools that reflect the expertise and standard of excellence of Mayo Clinic.”
www.mayoclinic.com > Patient Care & Health Info > Diseases & Conditions A-Z > V > [Vulvar Cancer](#)
- ❖ **NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE**
The US Government's main agency for cancer research and training.
www.cancer.gov > Cancer Types > A to Z List of Cancers > V > [Vulvar Cancer](#)
- ❖ **FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN'S CANCER**
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 > Learn More > Types of Gynecologic Cancers > [Vulvar Cancer](#)
- ❖ **CANCER RESEARCH UK**
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 > Women's cancers > [Cancer of the external genitals - vulval 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 > Select cancer type > [Vulva cancer](#)

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