

The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, Inc. (OCRF)

**800/873-9569
212/268-1002**

The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to finding a method of early detection and ultimately a cure for ovarian cancer, and is the largest organization in the US dedicated exclusively to funding ovarian cancer research. Since 1998, OCRF has awarded 145 grants for ovarian cancer research — an investment of over \$31 million. Visit www.ocrf.org to learn more about OCRF-sponsored research, events, and how to get involved.

14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10122
info@ocrf.org • www.ocrf.org

Ovarian Problems Discussion List

This e-mail discussion group gives women with ovarian cancer and related problems a chance to exchange information and daily support. Supporters and family members are also encouraged to join this group, which is sponsored by www.acor.org. To subscribe, go to www.acor.org, click on "mailing lists," and locate the Ovarian Problems Discussion List. Follow the instructions to join. For help in subscribing, or for more information, write to ovarian-request@listserv.acor.org.

OVARIAN PLUS INTERNATIONAL:

Gynecologic Cancer Prevention 703/644-3162

Communicate with Ceil, an ovarian cancer activist since 1989. Ceil has published the OVARIAN PLUS newsletter for 13 years. Ceil focuses on international research, risk reduction, screening, early detection, psychosocial and policy issues.

She emphasizes the importance of care by a gynecologic oncologist when gynecologic cancer is first suspected. Ceil is available to share suggestions and information she has gained over the years as a "grassroots lobbyist," change agent and publisher who has worked with a medical advisory board of prominent ovarian cancer researchers. Limited number of back issues of newsletter available for \$12.50 per issue, including topics such as ovarian carcinoma of low malignant potential, future directions for the CA125 test, what to do when surgery is recommended and gynecologic cancer might be found, and ovarian cancer survivors' stories.

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csinnex@yahoo.com • www.monitor.net/ovarian

Patient Advocate Foundation

800/532-5274

Patient Advocate Foundation is a national non-profit organization that serves as an active liaison between patients and their insurer, employers and/or creditors to resolve insurance, job retention and/or debt crisis due to their diagnosis through case managers, doctors and attorneys. The Patient Advocate Foundation seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation to ensure access to care, to maintain employment and preserve financial stability. Contact PAF at: 1-800-532-5274 or www.patientadvocate.org.

SHARE: Self-help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer

212/719-0364

SHARE is a not-for-profit organization providing information hotlines for breast and ovarian cancer survivors in English and iSpanish, peer-led support groups, and wellness, education and advocacy programs. It contributes to awareness regarding prevention, early detection, and research.

1501 Broadway, Suite 704A, New York, NY 10036
Toll-free number: 866/891-2392 • www.sharecancersupport.org

Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists

800/446-3180

The Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists (SGNO) is an international organization of nurses and healthcare professionals committed and dedicated to the advancement of patient care, education and research in the field of gynecologic oncology and women's health.

The goals of the Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists are:

- To provide current information regarding gynecologic oncology nursing practice and women's health issue
- To foster education about gynecologic oncology nursing
- To promote a means of communication, networking, and support among gynecologic oncology nurses
- To promote the application of current information to all levels of gynecologic oncology practice

SGNO provides an annual symposium to provide healthcare clinicians the opportunity to obtain continuing education credits by providing the most advanced and updated information in gynecologic oncology and women's health. For more information regarding the annual symposium, visit www.sgno.org.

The Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists is committed to the process of actively engaging other health care professionals and the public in a constructive dialogue about critical issues. It is our goal to generate greater public awareness and to build bridges among groups. Our organization participates in outreach activities that include health care policy and cancer awareness activities. The Journal of Gynecologic Oncology Nursing (JGON), a publication of the Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists, is an international nursing publication targeting nurses practicing at all levels who deliver care to women with gynecologic and related cancers.

6024 Welch Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76133 • www.sgno.org

Society of Gynecologic Oncologists 312/235-4060

The SGO is a national medical specialty organization of physicians who are trained in the comprehensive management of women with malignancies of the reproductive tract. Its purpose is to improve the care of women with gynecologic cancer by encouraging research, disseminating knowledge which will raise the standards of practice in the prevention and treatment of gynecologic malignancies and cooperating with other organizations interested in women's health care, oncology and related fields. The Society's membership, totaling more than 1290, is primarily comprised of gynecologic oncologists, as well as other related medical specialists including medical oncologists, radiation oncologists and pathologists. SGO members provide multidisciplinary cancer treatment including chemotherapy, radiation therapy, surgery and supportive care. More information on the SGO can be found at www.sgo.org.

230 W. Monroe, Suite 710, Chicago, IL 60606 • sgo@sgo.org • www.sgo.org

The Wellness Community

888/793-WELL

The Wellness Community (TWC) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to providing free support and education for people with cancer and their loved ones. A leader in social and emotional support, TWC's primary goal is to help people affected by cancer obtain vital skills to regain control over their lives, reduce feelings of isolation and to restore a sense of hope. The TWC program is available for people with any type or stage of cancer and their loved ones. The Wellness Community's Patient Active Concept uses peer-reviewed, evidence-based research to create a unique environment where people with cancer can come together with others to learn how to participate actively as a partner with their health care team. TWC support groups, and educational and stress management programs underscore the importance of well-being and quality of life, exercise, nutrition, improved communication with health care providers, clinical trial options and more. Headquartered in Washington, DC, TWC has 21 facilities across the U.S., two centers abroad in Tokyo and Tel Aviv, and The Virtual Wellness Community, an online community of support and education. Call or go online to find a Wellness Community near you.

919 18th Street, NW, Suite 54, Washington, DC 20006
help@thewellnesscommunity.org • www.thewellnesscommunity.org

Ovarian Cancer

National Resource List

American Cancer Society

800/ACS-2345

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering, and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913, and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 14 regional divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States. The American Cancer Society is available to people facing cancer when and where they need help. For cancer information and services any-time, day or night, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Cancer Survivors Network:

Created by and for cancer survivors and their families, this virtual community offers convenient accessibility to survivors, caregivers and all those touched by cancer. It is a welcoming, safe place for people to find hope and inspiration from others who have been there. Services include radio talk show conversation and interviews, individual stories, personal Web pages, discussion forums, an Expression Gallery, and more, available online at <http://csn.cancer.org/>

250 Williams Street, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30303 • www.cancer.org

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

202/863-2518

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (The College) is dedicated to the advancement of women's health through education, practice, research, and advocacy. Founded in 1951, The College is a membership organization representing over 47,000 members who provide health care for women. The College provides patient education materials on a variety of topics, including gynecologic cancer. Information about these materials is available on the The College Web site at www.acog.org, by calling (202) 863-2518 or e-mailing a request to resources@acog.org. In addition, The College provides an online physician directory as a public service to women who wish to locate an obstetrician-gynecologist in their area. This service is available at www.acog.org.

409 12th Street, SW, PO Box 96920, Washington, DC 20090-6920

CancerCare

800/813-4673

CancerCare is dedicated to helping people face the many challenges of a cancer diagnosis. As the largest national non-profit organization of its kind, CancerCare provides free professional support services, including counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help to people across the country. Since its inception in 1944, CancerCare has offered help and hope to more than two million people with cancer, their family members and friends, as well as healthcare professionals. Services are available to people of all ages, with all types of cancer and at any stage of the disease. More information about CancerCare can be found online at www.cancercare.org or by calling (800) 813-HOPE.

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info@cancercare.org • www.cancercare.org

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

888/842-6355

CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC) serves as a leader for nationwide cancer prevention and control, and as a partner with state health agencies and other key groups. DCPC provides consultation, assistance, and training to state and local public health agencies and health care provider organizations in the prevention, detection, and control of selected cancers. Programs and initiatives address breast, cervical, colorectal, skin, prostate, and ovarian cancers, as well as cancer surveillance, and survivorship. CDC is developing and implementing the *Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer* campaign to educate women and health care providers about the signs, symptoms and risk factors associated with gynecologic cancers. This initiative supports the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2005, or Johanna's Law. CDC's ovarian cancer control initiatives enhance knowledge about ovarian cancer by working with academic and medical institutions, and advocacy groups to identify factors related to early detection and treatment. In addition, work is underway, through CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries, to evaluate care and outcomes for patients with ovarian cancer.

4770 Buford Highway, MS-K52, Atlanta, GA 30341 • www.cdc.gov/cancer

CONVERSATIONS!

The International Newsletter for Those Fighting Ovarian Cancer

210/401-1604

Conversations! publishes a periodic newsletter written for ovarian cancer fighters that reports on treatment options, clinical trials, coping skills, and early detection strategies. Published twice a year, the newsletter includes stories with pictures written by long term survivors about their experiences, their journey and coping tips to help others. A networking service (Voices/Pen-Pals/Ovarian Cancer Connections) to match women in similar circumstances is available.

The newsletter is part of nonprofit Conversations! The International Ovarian Cancer Connection.

PO Box 7948, Amarillo, TX 79114-7948 • Fax: 210/247-6196
ovcanews@aol.com • www.ovarian-news.org

EyesOnThePrize.org Support for Gynecologic Cancer

EyesOnThePrize.org Support and Information for Gynecologic Cancer is an international nonprofit organization founded in 2000 to provide information and emotional support from the survivors' perspective to women with gynecologic cancers, their families and friends, and healthcare providers.

EyesOnThePrize builds community through its Web site and email discussion lists. Its Web site offers survivor stories, answers to questions, resources, discussion about cervical, uterine, ovarian, vulvar, gestational and other reproductive cancers. Information includes: a survivor point-of-view on diagnosis, treatment, side-effects, life after cancer for ovarian and other gynecologic cancers, links to related sites, database of "on-the-ground" local gynecologic cancer support groups.

446 S. Anaheim Hills Road, #108, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807
info@eyesontheprize.org • www.eyesontheprize.org

FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

866/824-Risk (7475)

FORCE is a national nonprofit organization providing support, information, resources, awareness and advocacy for people affected by hereditary breast or ovarian cancer. Our programs include our Web site with expert-reviewed information, printed materials, toll-free helpline, regional outreach groups and annual Joining FORCEs conference. Peer support and information is provided to those who may be at high risk for hereditary cancer due to family history of cancer or a BRCA mutation.

16057 Tampa Palms Boulevard W, PMB #373, Tampa, FL 33647
954/255-8732 or 866/288-7475 (Toll-free voice mail)
info@facingourrisk.org • www.facingourrisk.org

Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry

800/OVARIAN

The registry tracks families with a history of ovarian cancer. Helpline, education, information and peer support for women with high risk (family history) of ovarian cancer is available. The Registry research goals are to identify new genes associated with familial ovarian cancer.

Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Elm & Carlton Streets, Buffalo, NY 14263
www.ovariancancer.com

Gilda's Club Worldwide

888/GILDA-4-U
(888/445-3248)

Gilda's Club is a free cancer support community for men, women and children with any type of cancer, and their family and friends. Through groups, lectures, workshops and social events, people build social and emotional support, and learn to live with cancer. There are 22 Gilda's Clubs throughout the U.S. and Canada.

48 Wall St 11th Floor New York, NY • www.gildasclub.org

Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF)

800/444-4441
312/578-1439

The GCF is a not-for-profit organization formed by the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists in 1991. Its mission is to support prevention, early detection and optimal treatment of gynecologic cancers, including ovarian cancer. It also funds promising research, targeting young investigators. The GCF sponsors an interactive Web site, the Women's Cancer Network (www.wcn.org). It offers understandable medical information about women's cancers, prevention, early detection and optimal treatment options, a confidential on-line risk assessment, information about available clinical trials, and the Sisterhood of Survivorship, where survivors can share stories of hope.

230 West Monroe, Suite 2528, Chicago, IL 60606 • info@thegcf.org • www.thegcf.org
or www.wcn.org or www.cervicalcancercampaign.org

The Lynne Cohen Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research

877/OVARY-11

Founded in 1998 in memory of Lynne Cohen by her three daughters (then in their twenties), the Lynne Cohen Foundation is a nonprofit organization that raises funds to support medical research aimed at detecting ovarian cancer early (when a woman has the best chance for a cure), and cutting-edge treatments for primary diagnoses and recurrences. For women who have an increased risk of developing ovarian and/or breast cancer, the Foundation develops and funds preventive care clinics for women's cancers where women have access to physical exams, genetic counseling, cancer prevention and screening tests, educational materials, and screening and prevention trials. Sites include: Lynne Cohen at Bellevue Hospital Center, NYU Cancer Institute (for underserved women), Lynne Cohen at USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center in Los Angeles, Lynne Cohen at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Lynne Cohen Breast Cancer Preventive Care at NYU Cancer Institute and Lynne Cohen at The University of Alabama, Birmingham. The Foundation also sponsors an annual educational symposium, The Emerging Role of Screening & Prevention in Women's Cancers, and a Web site dedicated to heightening awareness of ovarian cancer warning signs and symptoms, www.lynnecohenfoundation.org.

PO Box 7128, Santa Monica, CA 90406-7128 • www.lynnecohenfoundation.org

National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Information Service

800/4CANCER
(800/422-6237)

The National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service (CIS) is a national information and education network. It is a practical first stop for cancer patients. Trained information specialists provide information by telephone and on-line through the CIS's Live-Help Instant Messaging service on topics related to specific cancers, cancer treatments and coping

www.cancer.gov

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS)

888/650-9127

NCCS advocates for quality cancer care for all Americans and provides tools that empower people affected by cancer to advocate for themselves. Founded by and for cancer survivors in 1986, NCCS created the widely accepted definition of survivorship and considers someone a cancer survivor from the time of diagnosis through the balance of life. Its free publi-

cations and resources include the award-winning Cancer Survival Toolbox®, a self-learning audio program created by leading cancer organizations to help people develop essential skills to meet the challenges of their illness.

1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 770, Silver Spring, MD 20910
info@canceradvocacy.org • www.canceradvocacy.org

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC)

888/OVARIAN

NOCC is an organization whose mission is to raise awareness and promote education about ovarian cancer. It sponsors professional education seminars for health care providers and educational forums for the community. The Coalition is committed to improving the survival rate and quality of life for women with ovarian cancer. There are over 50 divisions of NOCC. It offers a toll-free helpline and comprehensive Web site.

2501 Oak Lawn Ave., Ste. 435 Dallas, TX 75219 • 214/273-4200, Fax: 214/273-4201
NOCC@ovarian.org • www.ovarian.org • Toll free: 1-888-OVARIAN

Office on Women's Health (OWH)

202/690-7650

The OWH (within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) provides national leadership in advancing women's health through public policy, research, service delivery and education. The OWH develops, stimulates, and coordinates women's health research, health care services, and public and health professional education and training across the agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services. Programs include the Centers of Excellence in Women's Health. These centers provide integrated and comprehensive clinical services, including regular screening for breast and gynecologic cancers as well as research on women's health issues. The OWH also developed the National Women's Health Information Center (NWHIC). This gateway to over 800 topics on women's health, including reproductive health, is accessible through the Web site (www.4woman.gov) and the toll-free phone service (1-800-994-WOMAN).

200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 712E, Washington, DC 20201

Ovarian Cancer Canada/ Cancer de l'ovaire Canada (OCC)

877/413-7970

In 2007, the National Ovarian Cancer Association partnered with Ovarian Cancer Canada to become Canada's only national charity dedicated to overcoming ovarian cancer. Ovarian Cancer Canada's mission is to support women with ovarian cancer, raise awareness and to fund research. Listen to the Whispers is the signature ovarian cancer awareness program of Ovarian Cancer Canada presented by trained volunteers. Since 2006, Survivors Teaching Students has been reaching students at medical and nursing faculties with the powerful stories of survivor volunteers. Ovarian Cancer Canada provides the You are Not Alone kit, a resource for Canadian women diagnosed with ovarian cancer, along with teleconference educational sessions on important topics for the ovarian cancer journey. A survivor newsletter, a bi-weekly e-news bulletin, awareness fact sheets and support resources are provided free of charge. The Winners Walk of Hope, a fundraising and awareness event is held every September in 14 cities across Canada.

info@ovariancancercanada.ca • www.ovariancancercanada.ca

Ovarian Cancer National Alliance

866/399-6262;
202/331-1332

Established in 1997, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance is the foremost advocate in the United States for finding a cure for ovarian cancer. A 501(c)(3) charitable entity, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance crafted the National Agenda for Ovarian Cancer to conquer the disease by uniting individuals and organizations at all levels to advance ovarian cancer research, improve health care practices, and help raise public awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer.

The hallmarks of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance are:

- Advocacy on Capital Hill for adequate federal research funding;
- Education for health professionals about ovarian cancer, including the Survivors Teaching Students; Saving Women's Lives (SM) program.
- Public awareness campaigns about ovarian cancer symptoms, and
- Survivor support, including education, empowerment and awareness of treatment options.

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