

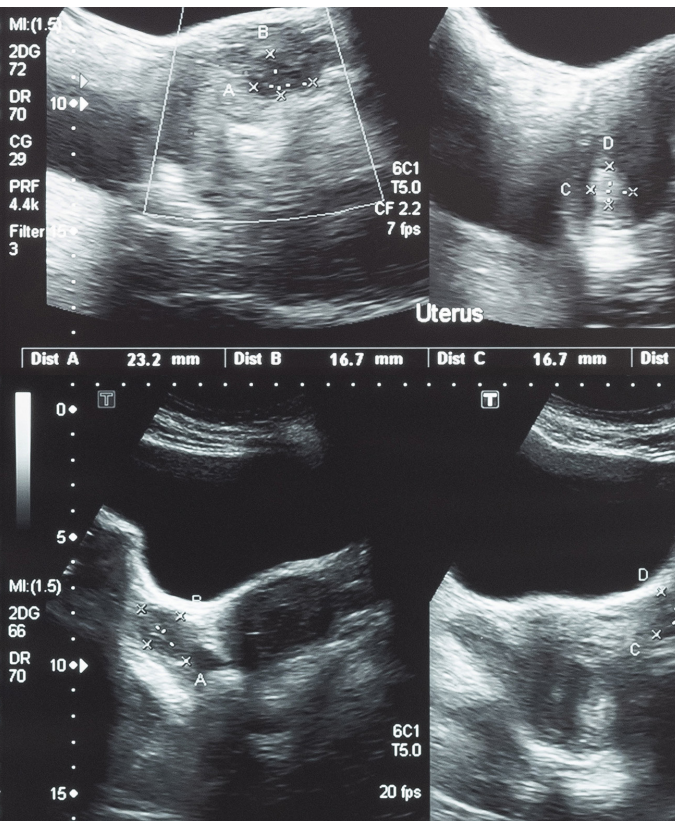
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What is ovarian screening like?

Ovarian cancer screening is performed using ultrasound technology, which uses sound waves to view structures and potential tumors in the pelvis. We use transvaginal sonography (TVS) to screen for ovarian cancer. It is routinely used in the gynecologic oncology clinic to assess pelvic health and is the most effective way to detect early-stage ovarian cancers.

TVS ultrasound creates an accurate picture of each ovary so that even small tumors can be detected. It is painless and takes 5-10 minutes.



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What happens if I am diagnosed with ovarian cancer?

Many positive TVS findings will resolve so we will continue to monitor a positive result at intervals. If a TVS finding with increasing complexity persists, surgical exploration will become an option. This exploration is best performed by gynecologic oncologists, specialists who are trained to diagnose and treat ovarian cancers. The Markey Cancer Center has the largest team of gynecologic oncologists in the state. Our team will coordinate a multidisciplinary approach for a treatment plan based on your specific diagnosis.

Schedule your appointment

Call either of the following numbers to make an appointment, 1-800-766-8279 or 859-323-4687. Please plan on scheduling your screening at least two months in advance.

Location

For more information and a current list of our ovarian cancer screening locations, visit markey.uky.edu, click the Patient Care button and find Ovarian Cancer Screening Program under the Cancer Screening option.

Our program relies on donations and grants. All donations will help more women be screened. To donate to the UK Ovarian Screening Research Program, please contact us at 859-323-6306 or gratitude@uky.edu.

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OVARIAN CANCER SCREENING RESEARCH PROGRAM



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When caught early, ovarian cancer is a treatable and curable disease. That's why we provide free annual sonographic screenings to women across Kentucky through the UK Markey Cancer Center Ovarian Screening Research Program.

The goal of the study is to determine if periodic ultrasound screening detects early-stage ovarian cancers. We hope the results of this research will help lead to an international standard for ovarian cancer screening.

About ovarian cancer

Ovarian cancer kills more women than all other gynecologic cancers combined. Early-stage ovarian cancer is often curable, while survival rates for advanced-stage ovarian cancer are poor. Most symptoms are due to something other than ovarian cancer. Many women do not experience symptoms of ovarian cancer until the disease has progressed.

Information about this research protocol can be found on markey.uky.edu. Click on clinical trials and search, by cancer type, ovarian cancer or by the trial number, MCC-88-GYN-13.

Symptoms of ovarian cancer may include:

- Bloating and/or abdominal swelling
- Changes in frequency or urgency of urination
- Feelings of stomach fullness
- Pain in the abdomen or pelvis

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms suddenly or for several weeks, please contact your doctor.

Who is eligible for ovarian screening?

You are eligible for a free ovarian cancer screening if you fall into either of these groups:

- Women over the age of 50, who do not have a personal history of ovarian cancer.
- Women over the age of 25 who have a family history of ovarian cancer or other genetic risk factors.

