

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EMERGING ENDOMETRIAL CANCER RESEARCH?



Program Resource Guide

Stages of Endometrial Cancer	Subtypes of Endometrial Cancer Include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stage I: The cancer is located only in the uterus. ▪ Stage II: The cancer has spread to the cervix (cervical stroma). ▪ Stage III: The cancer has spread to the vagina, ovaries, and/or the lymph nodes. ▪ Stage IV: The cancer has spread to the bladder or other areas beyond the uterus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Endometrioid adenocarcinoma ▪ Uterine serous carcinoma ▪ Clear cell carcinoma ▪ Mixed cell adenocarcinoma

Glossary Terms

Biomarker Testing (molecular testing): Laboratory testing that identifies certain genes, proteins, or other molecules in a sample of tissue, blood, or other body fluid. In cancer, it may also be used to evaluate treatment or to make a prognosis.

CDK (cyclin-dependent kinase) inhibitor: A targeted treatment that inhibits the function of CDKs.

Immunotherapy: Type of therapy that harnesses one's own immune system to help the body fight cancer, infection, and other diseases.

Microsatellite Instability (MSI): Prognostic marker found in endometrial and colorectal cancers. The presence of MSI may help determine a treatment plan.

PARP Inhibitors: A type of targeted treatment that inhibits the enzyme poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase.

Somatic Mutations: Mutations that can occur in any of the cells of the body but are not hereditary. These mutations may, in some cases, cause cancer or other diseases.

Standard of Care: An established guideline that is consensus among experts as the most appropriate and/or effective treatment for a specific type and stage of cancer.

Targeted Therapy: A type of personalized medicine that works by blocking specific mutations and by preventing cancer cells from growing and dividing, without affecting normal cells.

Vaginal Brachytherapy: A radioactive source enclosed in a cylinder is temporarily inserted into the vagina to deliver radiation therapy.

Endometrial Cancer Resources	Treatment Factors Include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CancerGRACE: cancergrace.org ▪ Cancer Support Community: cancersupportcommunity.org ▪ Cure: curetoday.com ▪ ECANA: Endometrial Cancer Action Network for African-Americans: ecanawomen.org ▪ FORCE: facingourrisk.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The baseline health and function of a patient, including their existing medical conditions. ▪ Pathology results. ▪ Surgical staging results. ▪ Microsatellite status.

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