

What is Endometrial Cancer?	How is Endometrial Cancer Diagnosed?
<p>Endometrial cancer, also called uterine cancer, starts in the endometrium, which is a layer of cells that form the uterus lining.</p> <p>Symptoms of endometrial cancer may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vaginal bleeding, post-menopause ▪ Vaginal spotting between periods ▪ Brownish discharge ▪ Pelvic pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Endometrial biopsy: A tissue sample is taken from the inner lining of the uterus to see if cancer cells are present. ▪ Dilation and curettage (D&C): A procedure that dilates the cervix to allow scraping of the lining of the cervix. ▪ Transvaginal ultrasound: A procedure in which an ultrasound device is inserted into the vagina to provide images of woman's uterus, ovaries, tubes, cervix, and pelvic area.

Types of Genetic Mutations

Germline Mutations: A hereditary mutation, passed directly from a parent to a child at the time of conception. Cancer caused by germline mutations is called inherited cancer and accounts for about 5% to 20% of all cancers.

Somatic Mutation: 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.


Glossary

Biomarker: Measurable substances found in the blood, urine, or tissues of some people with cancer. Biomarkers may also refer to mutations, changes, or patterns in a tumor's DNA.

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.

CA-125 (Cancer antigen 125) Test: Looks for high levels of CA-125, which could be a sign of endometrial cancer.

Lynch syndrome: An inherited condition that is linked to an increased risk of developing cancer.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ American Cancer Society ▪ The Foundation for Women's Cancer ▪ FORCE (Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered) ▪ SHARE Cancer Support ▪ The Society of Gynecologic Oncology 	<p>Detect Endometrial Cancer is brought to you by the Patient Empowerment Network. It is sponsored by GSK and through generous donations from people like you.</p> 

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