

DOCTOR DISCUSSION GUIDE

Managing Endometrial Cancer

Being diagnosed with endometrial cancer can feel intimidating, but you and your doctor will work together to help take control of your symptoms. Asking the right questions during your conversation will help you know what to expect and how to better navigate your condition. Familiarize yourself with these common terms before your appointment to help facilitate your discussion.

Vocabulary to Know

Your doctor might mention these common terms. Here's what they mean.

Metastases	When cancer cells spread from the origin site to other places in the body.
Biopsy	A test that examines tissue or other specimen samples to look for cancer cells.
CA 125	A blood test that measures levels of cancer antigen 125 in the body. The test can be used in the diagnosis phase as well as to see how well a treatment is working.
Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer (HNPCC)	A type of colorectal cancer that runs in families and can increase a person's risk of getting other kinds of cancer.
Hormone Therapy	Patients with reproductive cancers may be put on medications to adjust the levels of hormones, such as estrogen and progesterone, in the body.
Hysterectomy	Surgery to remove the uterus.
Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy	A type of chemotherapy that is pumped directly into the abdomen through a special tube (catheter).
Malignant Ascites	A collection of fluid in the abdomen and pelvis that has cancer cells in it.
Prognosis	A doctor's prediction of how a patient's cancer will progress.
Oophorectomy	A surgery to remove the ovaries.
Salpingo-Oophorectomy	A surgery to remove the ovaries and fallopian tubes.

