**Gynecologic Cancer in Illinois**

### Five types of gynecologic cancer

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<th>Cancer Type</th>
<th>Number of Cases</th>
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<td>Uterine</td>
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<td>Ovarian</td>
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<td>Cervical</td>
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### Signs & Symptoms

If you experience these signs or symptoms talk to your doctor right away.

- Abnormal bleeding or discharge
- Difficulty eating
- Itching, burning, or pain
- Abdominal or back pain
- Pelvic pain or pressure
- Changes in skin (rash, sores or warts)
- Bloating
- Frequent urination
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### What Can you Do to Lower Your Risk?

- Get the HPV vaccine and/or get tested for HPV
- Know your family's history of cancer
- Get regular wellness exams & pap tests
- Practice safe sex
- Avoid smoking
- Exercise, eat a healthy diet, and maintain a healthy body weight

### Sources:

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Gynecologic Cancers**: [www.cdc.gov/cancer/gynecologic](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/gynecologic)

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