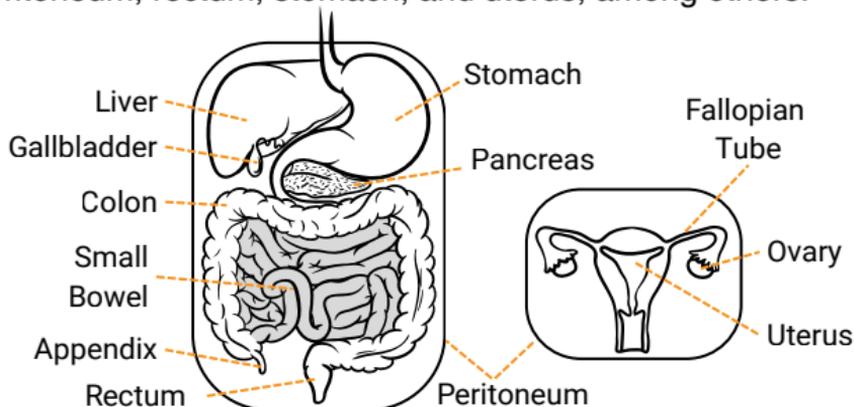




ABDOMINAL CANCERS ALLIANCE

Abdominal cancers are tumors that can originate from different organs in the abdominal cavity (or the peritoneal cavity) including the appendix, colon, gallbladder, ovaries, pancreas, peritoneum, rectum, stomach, and uterus, among others.



These advanced-stage cancers, also referred to as peritoneal surface malignancies, spread throughout the peritoneal cavity and require specialized care such as the CRS/HIPEC treatment (cytoreductive surgery and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy).

Early Detection and Early Referral Saves Lives!

The Need for Urgency

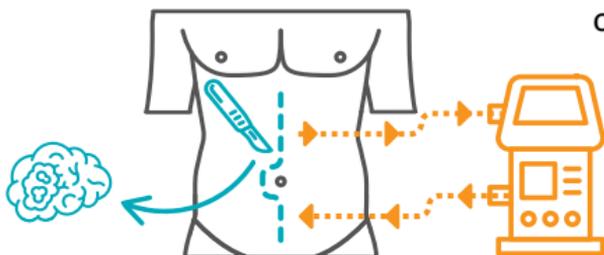
These cancers are complex and each present their own challenges. Patients are afforded the best prognosis and quality of life when diagnosed early and when they find appropriate care as early as possible, especially in cases of advanced-stage diagnosis where CRS/HIPEC may offer patients the best opportunity for survival.

CRS

First, a surgeon will remove all visible tumors from the abdomen, which may include removal of multiple organs.

HIPEC

Then, a heated chemotherapy solution is circulated through the abdomen for up to 1-to-2 hours, to kill any remaining cancer cells.



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What to Look Out For

Common signs & symptoms of abdominal cancers



Abdominal and pelvic pain, tenderness, swelling or bloating



Changes in bowel habits, such as diarrhea, constipation, or difficulty passing stool



Rectal bleeding, or blood in or on stool



Unexplained or unexpected weight gain or loss



Feeling full after a small amount of food



Weakness and fatigue



Persistent nausea or vomiting



Urinary changes, such as discomfort or frequency



Menstrual changes, such as abnormal bleeding

What to Do About It

Steps you can take to get appropriate and timely care

Tell your Primary Care Provider, Gynecologist, and other care provider(s) - Schedule an appointment with them to talk about what you're experiencing



Request evaluation and testing - Advocate for yourself or your loved one!



Consult our resources to learn more about these cancers and treatment options



Find a specialist who can help you find the right direction to diagnosis and treatment



Seek multiple opinions from different specialists



Connect with us and other partner organizations who provide services specific to your needs



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