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Early Recognition of Ovarian Cancer in Primary Care: NICE Guidance

Ovarian cancer is the leading cause of death from gynaecological cancer in the UK. Its incidence is rising. The overall 5-year survival rate is below 35%. Most women (70%) present with advanced disease, having had symptoms for months before presentation, and there are often delays between presentation and specialist referral. There is a need for greater awareness of ovarian cancer, and for initial investigations in primary care that enable earlier referral and optimum treatment. **NICE guidance (No. 122, April 2011)** defines the indications for initiating appropriate investigations (CA125 level– Ultrasound scan) in primary care to avoid the unnecessary use of these investigations and the associated patients' worry & unjustifiable medical intervention due to the non-specificity of positive results.

HOSPITAL DOCTOR

AWARD

1st runner up

**UK best
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**Eastbourne
Urogynecology
Team**

M Malak, A Grimston,
J Andrews, N Lawton,
A Spirou, W Fletcher

Integrated management of pelvic floor disorders: Prolapse, urinary incontinence (1ry & recurrent), frequency, urgency

**NHS Clinical
Excellence
Award**

**2005 2006 2007
2008 2009**

(achieving the highest local Award)

