



HEALTH AWARENESS

Ovarian Cancer: Patient Guidelines

(NAPSA)—Women are learning more about ovarian cancer. A free brochure may aid women with ovarian cancer and their families in making treatment decisions.

According to the American Cancer Society, ovarian cancer is the second most common gynecological cancer in the United States.

The society estimates that there will be 25,400 new cases of ovarian cancer in this country this year, and about 14,300 women will die of the disease.

“By making these guidelines available, we’re providing patients with the most up-to-date treatment information, based on years of research. We’re giving them the power to make decisions that are best for them,” explained Robert C. Young, M.D., former national volunteer president of the American Cancer Society and president of Fox Chase Cancer Center, a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN).

Together, the NCCN and the American Cancer Society released *Ovarian Cancer Treatment Guidelines for Patients*, one in a series of informative booklets about cancer.

The NCCN Treatment Guidelines for Patients are companion pieces to the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology used by physicians making treatment decisions. The guidelines provide the most up-to-date information about treatment options and are written in easy-to-understand language. These booklets help to



Making informed decisions about ovarian cancer treatment may be easier with the most up-to-date information.

facilitate communication between the patient and physician and provide basic information on different types of cancers, their causes, various treatment options, and a glossary of terms.

“By providing oncologists and their patients similar resources, each written in their own language, the guidelines enable shared decision-making. In essence, each member of the team is on the same page,” said Rodger J. Winn, MD, NCCN’s Guidelines Steering Committee Chair.

To order a free copy of any of the patient guidelines, please visit www.nccn.org or call toll-free: 1-888-909-NCCN. For more information about cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.