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Clarke-Pearson, MD

Dr. Clarke-Pearson completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology (Roy T. Parker, MD, Chair) and a fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology (William T. Creasman, MD, Director) at Duke University, Durham, NC. He joined the Duke faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology in 1981. Between 1985-87 he was the director of Gynecology and Gynecologic Oncology at the University of Illinois in Chicago. (William Spellacy, MD, Chair) He returned to Duke University Medical Center in 1987 as a tenured Professor and Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology (Charles B. Hammond, MD, Chair). He was named the James Ingram Professor of Gynecologic Oncology in 1993. Throughout his Duke tenure, he was the director of the fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology.

In 2005 Dr. Clarke-Pearson accepted the role of Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, a role he filled until stepping down to rejoin the gynecologic oncology faculty in July 2019.

Dr. Clarke-Pearson's primary research interest has been in the prevention, treatment and diagnosis of venous thromboembolic events (VTE) with particular interest in gynecologic surgery. He has conducted numerous randomized clinical trials evaluating prophylactic methods that have set the standard of current clinical care. His research interests also include the entire field of clinical gynecologic oncology. He has published more than 250 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals, more than 50 textbook chapters and three textbooks.

Currently, Dr. Clarke-Pearson is a member of the ACOG Grievance Committee, the SGO Ethics Committee and is the President of the Council of University Chairs of OB-GYN (CUCOG). He continues to have an active, full-scope practice of gynecologic oncology.







Learning Objectives

- Develop an understanding of gynecologic cancers
- Identify risk factors for gynecologic cancers
- Identify screening and/or signs and symptoms that can lead to a diagnosis of gynecologic cancers
- Access a personal risk assessment tool
- Understand general treatment of endometrial, ovarian and cervical cancer



Gynecologic Oncology Cancer Foundation Poll

- ♦ 800 women
- Nearly half (46%) were not aware of ANY risk factors for developing a gynecologic cancer
- 19% could not name any test for female reproductive cancers
- 54% believe they are at personal risk for developing a gynecologic cancer
- 58% are not aware of any factors that can lower their personal risk





Estimated Number* of New Cancer Cases and Deaths by Sex, US, 2020

	New Cases	Deaths		
Cervix	13,800	4,290		
Uterine	65,620	12,590		
Ovary	21,750	13940		
Vulva	6,120	1,350		
Vagina & other genital	6,230	1,1450		

Origin, Stage and Grade

ORIGIN:

defines where the cancer started, determines treatment.

STAGE:

defines the extent or **spread** of the disease. Different treatment modalities for localized versus metastatic (spread) of disease.

GRADE:

defines how the cancer cells look under the microscopic. Grade 1.2,3 from the least aggressive to most aggressive (grade 3).









Endometrial Cancer

- In the U.S., cancer of the endometrium is the most common gynecologic cancer
- 65,620 new cases in 2020.
- Lifetime risk is about 1/41.
- Average at diagnosis ~ 60 years
- Endometrial cancer is more common in Caucasians, but African American women are more likely to die from it.
- Most of these cancers are found early and have a 5year survival rate of over 90%.
- Prognosis for any single woman depends on the stage of her cancer as well as several other factors.



Endometrial Cancer Risk factors

- Obesity greater than 50 lbs over ideal body weight (10x)
- Postmenopausal women
- Menopause after age 52 (2.4x)
- Lack of children (2x)
- Hypertension (2x)
- Diabetes (2.8x)
- Estrogen replacement without progesterone (7x)
- History of pelvic radiation therapy (8x)
- Women who do not ovulate
- Diet and Exercise







POSTMENOPAUSAL BLEEDING ETIOLOGY

FACTOR	%
HRT	27
Atrophic endometrium	21
Endometrial cancer	15
Endometrial polyp	15
Atrophic vaginitis	10
Cervicitis	9
Cervical cancer	3

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Diagnostic Tests for Endometrial Cancer

Pap Smear
Endometrial biopsy
D & C

Pitfalls in Diagnosis

Change in life bleeding

- Bleeding due to hormones
- Reliance on Pap smear
- Delay in endometrial sampling





Ovarian Cancer Signs and Symptoms

- Abdominal Bloating
- Pelvic or abdominal pain or pressure
- Difficulty eating or feeling full quickly
- Urinary symptoms urgency, frequency
- Change in bowel habits

If symptoms persist for more than a few weeks, see a gynecologist

CA-125 Tumor Marker

- Elevated in approximately 80% of advanced staged ovarian cancers
- Elevated in *less than 50%* of early stage ovarian cancers
- CA-125 is NOT useful for screening!
- Can be elevated in a number of benign conditions including endometriosis, fibroids, pregnancy, hepatitis, pelvic inflammatory disease, menses, peritonitis, recent abdominal surgery
- Can be elevated in other malignancies including breast, colon, pancreas, lung, endometrial







Types of Ovarian Carcinomas

- Epithelial tumors start from the cells that cover the outer surface of the ovary.
- Germ cell tumors start from the cells that produce the ova (eggs).
- Stromal tumors start from connective tissue cells that hold the ovary together and produce the female hormones estrogen and progesterone.

















Who Should Get a Pap Smear

Test	Age <21	Age 21-24	Age 25-29	Age 30-65	Age >65	
Рар	Not recommended for screening	Screen every 3 years	Screen every 3 years	Screen every 3 years	Screening should be discontinued if patient has had adequate negative prior screening	
HPV	Not recommended for screening	Reflex to high-risk HPV when Pap is ASCUS is acceptable	Reflex to high-risk HPV is preferred when Pap is ASCUS	Screen every 5 years if both HPV and Pap are negative	results and no history of CIN2+. See ACOG Practice Bulletin No.168 for management of patient with history of CIN2+.	
HPV genotyping	Not recommended for screening	Not recommended for screening	Not recommended for screening	If Pap is normal and HPV positive, reflex to HPV genotyping	If Pap is normal and HPV positive, reflex to HPV genotyping	
Ct/Ng	If 24 years of age or younger and sexually active	If 24 years of age or younger and sexually active	If 25 years of age and older and have risk factors	If 25 years of age and older and have risk factors	Not recommended for screening	

Poll: Which are **True** Statement(s) about Pap Smears:

A. A screening test for ovarian cancer

B. Abnormal Pap smears are caused by a virus

C. Should be performed only in women who are having abnormal bleeding or pain

D. Abnormal Pap smears are most often caused by use of birth control pills

E. Should be performed beginning when a woman is over 15 years old

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Risk Factors for Cervical Carcinoma

- Women sexually active before age 16
- Women with multiple sexual partners
- Smoking
- Obesity
- African Americans
- Low socioeconomic status
- Certain strains of HPV
- HIV patients
- Hx DES exposure

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HPV Transmission

Anyone who is sexually active can get HPV, even if you have had sex with only one person.

You also can develop symptoms years after you have sex with someone who is infected. This makes it hard to know when you first became infected



HPV in USA

Nearly 50% of high school students have already engaged in sexual (vaginal-penile) intercourse

- 1/3 of 9th graders and 2/3 of 12th graders have engaged in sexual intercourse
- 24% of high school seniors have had sexual intercourse with 4 or more partners

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Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

Efficacy

□ High efficacy among females without evidence of infection with vaccine HPV types (>95%)

□ No evidence of efficacy against disease caused by vaccine types participants were infected with at the time of vaccination

Prior infection with one HPV type did not diminish efficacy of the vaccine against other vaccine HPV types





When to be Vaccinated for HPV

Routinely vaccinate boys and girls at 11–12 years of age*

- Catch-up those previously unvaccinated or are missing doses
- including:
- Females age 13 through 26 years
- Males age 13 through 21 years
- High-risk males age 22 through 26 years
- Men who have sex with men and immunocompromised men (including HIV-infected men)
- Males aged 22 through 26 years of age may be vaccinated.

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Adverse Events Following Any Dose of HPV Vaccination				
Adverse Event	9vHPV			
Pain	89%			
Swelling	40%			
Erythema	34%			
Fever	5%			
Nausea	4%			
Headache	11%			

Diagnosis of Cervical Cancer

Pap smear is a screening tool, not a diagnostic tool

Diagnosis is made by biopsy



Treatment for Cervical Cancers

EARLY

Radical hysterectomy, performed by a gynecologic oncologist vs. pelvic radiation therapy.

ADVANCED
 Radiation therapy
 Chemotherapy

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Poll: Which of the following are true about the HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccine
A. Could eliminate nearly 90% of cervical cancers
B. A woman should get the vaccine even if they have had an abnormal pap smear
C. Approved by the FDA for both girls/women and boys/men
D. Could eliminate up to nine (9) HPV types
E. All of the above

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Challenges

We still have a *long* way to go on behalf of our gynecologic oncology patients



With knowledge and understanding we can help them in their journey













