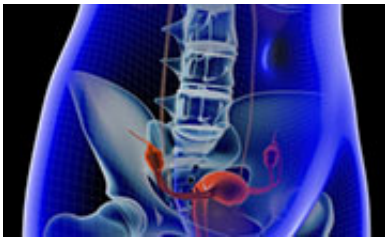


Survival improving for women with ovarian cancer

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(HealthDay)—Women diagnosed with ovarian cancer are now much more likely to survive the disease than they were several decades ago, according to research published online May 6 in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

Jason Wright, M.D., a professor of [obstetrics](#) and gynecology at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, and colleagues evaluated 49,932 [women](#) who were diagnosed with the disease between 1975 and 2011. All of the data came from a large national [cancer](#) database.

After accounting for advances in general medical care, Wright told *HealthDay* that "women diagnosed in 2006 compared to those diagnosed in 1975 are about 50 percent less likely to die from their [ovarian cancer](#) ." Survival improved for all stages of ovarian cancer from 1975 to 2011,

Wright found. Women with stage 1 cancers were 49 percent less likely to die of the cancer in 2006. Those with stage 3 and 4 cancers were about 51 percent less likely to die.

"We wanted to do this study because there have been a number of advances in the treatment of ovarian cancer," Wright said. "There is better surgery, better chemo, and better ways to deliver the chemo. More recently, there has also been a better understanding of the biology and genetics of the cancer."

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