Ovarian Cancer Diagnosis Pathway Map
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Pathway Map Considerations

- For additional information about the optimal organization of gynecologic oncology services in Ontario refer to EBS #4-11
- The term ‘healthcare provider’, used throughout the pathway map, includes primary care providers and specialists, e.g. family doctors, nurse practitioners, gynecologists, midwives and emergency physicians.
- Primary care providers play an important role in the cancer journey and should be informed of relevant tests and consultations. Ongoing care with a primary care provider is assumed to be part of the pathway map. For patients who do not have a primary care provider, Health Care Connect is a government resource that helps patients find a doctor or nurse practitioner.
- Throughout the pathway map, a shared decision-making model should be implemented to enable and encourage patients to play an active role in the management of their care. For more information see Person-Centered Care Guideline and EBS #19-3 Provider-Patient Communication.
- Hyperlinks are used throughout the pathway map to provide information about relevant Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) tools, resources and guidance documents.
- Psychosocial oncology (PSO) is the interprofessional specialty concerned with understanding and treating the social, practical, psychological, emotional, spiritual and functional needs and quality-of-life impact that cancer has on patients and their families. Psychosocial care should be considered an integral and standardized part of cancer care for patients and their families at all stages of the illness trajectory. For more information, visit EBS #19-3*

Pathway Map Preamble

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There is a lack of guidance indicating the appropriate time interval as to when ultrasound and RMI assessment should be repeated.

If appropriate, seek a second opinion from a gynecological oncologist.

BRCA reflex testing should be performed on tumours from all newly diagnosed patients with high grade serous ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer, to determine eligibility for the drug olaparib.
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