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## Chapter 1 : Uterine fibroid - Wikipedia

*inflammation of some or all of the female pelvic organs; can be caused by many different pathogens. If untreated, the infection may spread upward from the vagina, involving the uterus, uterine tubes, ovaries, and other pelvic organs.*

Placenta accreta Placenta accreta Placenta accreta occurs when the placenta grows too deeply into the uterine wall during pregnancy. Scarring in the uterus from a prior C-section or other uterine surgery may play a role in developing this condition. Placenta accreta is a serious pregnancy condition that occurs when the placenta grows too deeply into the uterine wall. Typically, the placenta detaches from the uterine wall after childbirth. With placenta accreta, part or all of the placenta remains attached. This can cause severe blood loss after delivery. Placenta accreta is considered a high-risk pregnancy complication. Symptoms Placenta accreta often causes no signs or symptoms during pregnancy â€" although vaginal bleeding during the third trimester might occur. Occasionally, placenta accreta is detected during a routine ultrasound. Causes Placenta accreta is thought to be related to abnormalities in the lining of the uterus, typically due to scarring after a C-section or other uterine surgery. Sometimes, however, placenta accreta occurs without a history of uterine surgery. Risk factors Many factors can increase the risk of placenta accreta, including: Placenta accreta is more common in women older than  The risk of placenta accreta increases as your number of pregnancies increases. Complications Placenta accreta can cause: Placenta accreta poses a major risk of severe vaginal bleeding hemorrhage after delivery. The bleeding can cause a life-threatening condition that prevents your blood from clotting normally disseminated intravascular coagulopathy , as well as lung failure adult respiratory distress syndrome and kidney failure. A blood transfusion will likely be necessary. Placenta accreta might cause labor to begin early. If placenta accreta causes bleeding during your pregnancy, you might need to deliver your baby early.

## Chapter 2 : Spontaneous Uterine Rupture of an Unscarred Uterus before Labour

*Uterine artery embolization (UAE) is unproven and/or not medically necessary for treating symptomatic uterine fibroids for women who wish to preserve their childbearing potential. The effects of UAE on ovarian and uterine function and on fertility require further studies of safety and/or efficacy in.*

This is an open access article distributed under the Creative Commons Attribution License , which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited. Abstract Uterine rupture is a public health problem in developing countries. When it is spontaneous, it occurs most often during labor in a context of scarred uterus. Uterine rupture during pregnancy is a rare situation. The diagnosis is not always obvious and morbidity and maternal and fetal mortality is still high. We report a case of spontaneous uterine rupture during pregnancy at 35 weeks of an unscarred uterus before labour. This is an exceptional case that we observe for the first time in our unit. Introduction Rupture of a pregnant uterus is one of the life-threatening complications encountered in obstetric practice. It is a rare complication in developed countries, but is one of the causes of maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality in Africa. There are several risk factors associated with rupture of uterus, but the most common is a previous Cesarean section. Rupture of an unscarred uterus is a rare event. We report a case of a complete rupture of the uterus before labor, in a gravid woman who had an unscarred uterus. Case A year-old patient, gravida 5 para 4, at 35 weeks of gestation was admitted to the hospital because of an abdominal pain since 18 hours, and vaginal bleeding. Her general medical history revealed no diseases or allergy. Her obstetrical history obtained by anamnesis and her documents revealed a multipara patient with a history of four pregnancies that ended spontaneously by vaginal delivery. Cesarean section has never been performed. Current pregnancy included 2 prenatal visits without sonographic examination. The patient was hemodynamically stable without abdominal tenderness or peritoneal signs. No fetal heart rate was detected. Vaginal examination revealed a closed cervix and no effacement or dilatation. Sonographic examination found an enlarged empty uterus, a fetus in the abdominal cavity, corresponding to 35 weeks of pregnancy Figures 1 a and 1 b. The patient was rushed to the operating room for emergent laparotomy. At the opening of the abdominal wall, the whole intact amniotic sac with fetus inside was protruded into the abdomen Figure 1 c. After amniorexis, a male fetus of g was delivered. Further inspection showed posterolateral uterine rupture interesting the body and extending to the lower transverse segment Figure 1 d ; the ipsilateral uterine pedicle was intact. Repair of the laceration was not possible. A hysterectomy was performed. No other complications were noticed during the operation and estimation of blood loss was about mL. The patient received blood transfusion and was discharged after 9 days of postoperative hospitalization without any complications. Discussion Uterine rupture is a common complication of pregnancy in developing countries. However, it is very rare in developed countries. In the USA, the incidence varies between 1: The majority of uterine rupture during pregnancy involves scarred uterus. Rupture of an unscarred uterus is a rare event involving 1: In such cases, rupture may be either traumatic or spontaneous. Clinical signs of uterine rupture during pregnancy are nonspecific and can be confusing. Indeed, it is not always easy to distinguish it with other abdominal emergencies appendicitis, gallstones, pancreatitis, etc. Importance should be given to abdominal pain and digestive disorders. In all cases of abdominal pain in pregnancy, the fetal status must be systematically checked. The high parity is recognized as major risk factor of spontaneous uterine rupture in unscarred uterus [ 3 ]. Other etiological factors classically recognized as contributing to a rupture of unscarred uterus are: In some cases the rupture of gravid uterus has no obvious cause. In his series of 40 uterine ruptures, Schrinsky and Benson [ 5 ] found ten spontaneous ruptures without any predisposing factors. The case presented here emphasizes the possibility of uterine rupture, even in women with unscarred uterus and before labour. Besides multiparity, no apparent cause was found. Early surgical intervention is usually the key to successful treatment of uterine rupture [ 3 ]. The therapeutic management is a total or subtotal hysterectomy. For this reason, it has been recommended that women with a previous uterine rupture undergo an elective Caesarean delivery as soon as fetal lung maturity can be demonstrated [ 6 ]. Uterine rupture of an unscarred uterus is associated with significant morbidity and

mortality. Schrinsky and Benson [ 5 ], in their study, found a maternal and fetal mortality rate of  Because of inadequate obstetric services, our patient had a sonographic examination 18 hours after the first symptoms. Fortunately, the uterine pedicle was intact and there was no more bleeding. Conclusion The most common cause of uterine rupture is the presence of a uterine scar. Measures aimed at reducing the high maternal and perinatal mortality and morbidity associated with uterine rupture include health education of the masses, proper antenatal care, early referral of at-risk patients, and supervised hospital delivery. Importance should be given to the pain symptoms that can guide the diagnosis especially in a woman with no particular history. Conflict of Interests The authors declare no conflict of interests. View at Google Scholar S. View at Google Scholar D.

## Chapter 3 : Recurrent Uterine Cancer | Tahoe Forest Cancer Center

*Abstract. Uterine leiomyomata are one of several benign tumors characterized by frequentchromosomal rearrangement involving 12q The 12q15 rearrangement in leiomyomata typically is manifested as t(12;14)(q15;q), which has been hypothesized to create pathobiologically significant fusion transcripts derived from HMGA2 and RAD51L1.*

Overview Recurrent uterine cancer is cancer that has returned after primary treatment. The potential benefits of receiving cancer treatment must be carefully balanced with the potential risks of receiving cancer treatment. The following is a general overview of the treatment of recurrent uterine cancer. Circumstances unique to your situation and prognostic factors of your cancer may ultimately influence how these general treatment principles are applied. The information on this Web site is intended to help educate you about your treatment options and to facilitate a mutual or shared decision-making process with your treating cancer physician. Most new treatments are developed in clinical trials. Clinical trials are studies that evaluate the effectiveness of new drugs or treatment strategies. The development of more effective cancer treatments requires that new and innovative therapies be evaluated with cancer patients. Participation in a clinical trial may offer access to better treatments and advance the existing knowledge about treatment of this cancer. Clinical trials are available for most stages of cancer. Patients who are interested in participating in a clinical trial should discuss the risks and benefits of clinical trials with their physician. To ensure that you are receiving the optimal treatment of your cancer, it is important to stay informed and follow the cancer news in order to learn about new treatments and the results of clinical trials. For most women, recurrent uterine cancer is incurable with currently available standard therapies. Unfortunately, the removal of all cancer cannot typically be achieved for the majority of patients with recurrent disease. For these patients, treatment of recurrent uterine cancer is dictated by the site of metastatic cancer and symptoms related to the spread of cancer. The goal of treatment for women with recurrent uterine cancer is to reduce symptoms and prolong survival. Women with Early Stage Cancer who Treatment with Fail Surgery Alone Women who initially had stage I or IIB cancer and experienced a recurrence after treatment with surgery alone are frequently cured with further surgery and the addition of radiation therapy. Radiation therapy is usually given as brachytherapy placement of a radioactive isotope near the cancer and external beam radiation therapy. This therapy is often successful since stage I and IIB patients treated initially with surgery alone have frequent follow-up examinations, which allow for detection of a recurrence early, when it is curable. For patients with bulky pelvic disease, radiation therapy consisting of a combination of brachytherapy and external-beam radiation therapy is frequently used. Radiation therapy can decrease symptoms and improve survival for patients with inoperable uterine cancer. Women who Fail Surgery and Radiation Therapy Further radiation therapy in women who experience a recurrence following initial radiation is usually not possible. However, some women will fail treatment that only included brachytherapy and these women could be treated with external beam radiation therapy if they develop a recurrence in the pelvis away from the site of isotope placement. For more information, go to Radiation Therapy and Cancer of the Uterus. Primary Hormone Therapy Hormonal treatment of cancers that have estrogen or progesterone receptors can delay cancer progression and prolong survival, especially in patients with small amounts of cancer not involving the lung or liver. Estrogen and progesterone are female hormones produced mainly by the ovaries and are found circulating in the blood. Many organs in the body are composed of cells that respond to or are regulated by exposure to these hormones. Cells in the breast, uterus and other female organs have estrogen and progesterone receptors and when exposed to these hormones, are stimulated to grow. When cells that have these receptors become cancerous, the growth of these cancer cells can be increased by exposure to the female hormones. The basis of hormonal therapy as a treatment for uterine cancer is to block or prevent the cancer cells from being exposed to estrogen and progesterone hormones. Removal of the ovaries, the organ chiefly responsible for producing these hormones, is one effective approach to eliminating hormone production and is commonly used in many countries. Another approach is to utilize drugs that can accomplish a similar effect without removing the ovaries. Progestational agents have long been used in the treatment of advanced or recurrent uterine cancer because of the presence of receptors for these

agents on the cancer cells. Well-differentiated cancers respond better to progestational agents than undifferentiated cancers. Progestational agents that have been used include hydroxyprogesterone, medroxyprogesterone and megestrol. The combination of a progestional agent megestrol and tamoxifen an anti-estrogen may be better treatment than megestrol alone. In one study performed by the Gynecology Oncology Group, 61 patients with advanced or recurrent uterine cancer were treated with megestrol and tamoxifen. The average survival was 14 months. Toxicity was moderate and there were no treatment related deaths. It was noted that, overall, younger women had better responses to the treatment than older women. From these findings, the researchers concluded that megestrol and tamoxifen appears to be an active combination against advanced and recurrent endometrial cancers. Chemotherapy Chemotherapy is the use of chemicals drugs or medications to kill cancer cells. Numerous chemicals have been developed for this purpose and most act to injure the DNA of cells. When the DNA is injured, the cells cannot grow or survive. Successful chemotherapy depends on the cancer cells being at least somewhat more sensitive to the chemicals than the normal cells. Because the cells of the bone marrow, the intestinal tract, the skin, and hair follicles are also very sensitive to these chemicals, injury to these organs are common side effects of chemotherapy i. Doxorubicin was the standard chemotherapy treatment for women with advanced or recurrent uterine cancer for over a decade. Doxorubicin is now being administered in combination with other chemotherapy agents. Side effects were similar between both treatments. Longer follow-up is required to determine whether either treatment prolonged survival. Chemotherapy and Hormonal Therapy Chemotherapy and hormonal therapy prevent cancer cells from growing by different methods. Combining chemotherapy with hormonal therapy may reduce cancer cell growth more than either treatment administered alone. These physicians treated 23 patients with advanced or recurrent uterine cancer. None of the patients had received prior chemotherapy or hormonal therapy and 10 had received prior radiation therapy. The average duration of response was over 10 months and the average survival was over 16 months. This regimen was administered on an outpatient basis and was well tolerated. These doctors concluded that this was an active treatment regimen for women with advanced or recurrent uterine cancer. Strategies to Improve Treatment The progress that has been made in the treatment of recurrent uterine cancer has resulted from improved hormonal treatments, chemotherapy treatments and doctor and patient participation in clinical studies. Future progress in the treatment of recurrent uterine cancer will result from continued participation in appropriate studies. Currently, there are several areas of active exploration aimed at improving the treatment of recurrent uterine cancer. Supportive care refers to treatments designed to prevent and control the side effects of cancer and its treatment. Side effects not only cause patients discomfort, but also may prevent the optimal delivery of therapy at its planned dose and schedule. In order to achieve optimal outcomes from treatment and improve quality of life, it is imperative that side effects resulting from cancer and its treatment are appropriately managed. For more information, go to Supportive Care. Researchers are continuing to design new agents that take advantage of the hormone sensitivity of some uterine cancers. Most patients in this study had failed surgery and radiation therapy. Twenty-two percent of patients experienced a partial disappearance of cancer following treatment. The major side effects were hot flashes, swelling and sweating. The importance of this study is that a new hormonal agent with a different mechanism of action is now available for further evaluation in patients with advanced or recurrent uterine cancer. Development of new multi-drug chemotherapy treatment regimens that incorporate new or additional anti-cancer therapies for use as treatment is an active area of clinical research carried out in phase II clinical trials. These studies are performed in patients with stage IV or recurrent uterine cancer. New chemotherapy drugs continue to be developed and evaluated in phase I clinical trials. The purpose of phase I trials is to evaluate new drugs in order to determine the best way of administering the drug and to determine whether the drug has any anti-cancer activity in patients with uterine cancer. Currently, there are no gene therapies approved for the treatment of uterine cancer. Gene therapy is defined as the transfer of new genetic material into a cell for therapeutic benefit. This can be accomplished by replacing or inactivating a dysfunction gene or replacing or adding a functional gene into a cell to make it function normally. Gene therapy has been directed towards the control of rapid growth of cancer cells, control of cancer death or efforts to make the immune system kill cancer cells. Gene therapy studies will be carried out in patients with recurrent uterine

cancer.

## Chapter 4 : Uterine fibroids: current perspectives

*Uterine fibroids, also known as uterine leiomyomas or fibroids, are benign smooth muscle tumors of the uterus. Most women have no symptoms while others may have painful or heavy periods.*

Such conditions include, but are not limited to: Some of the conditions under which a person may request to have a hysterectomy or have one requested for her if the woman is incapable of making the request for non-illness reasons include may be as prophylaxis against certain reproductive system cancers, especially if there is a strong family history of reproductive system cancers especially breast cancer in conjunction with BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation , or as part of recovery from such cancers. Some with severe developmental disabilities have had hysterectomies though this treatment is controversial at best. These include uterine , cervical , ovarian , or endometrium tumors , as well as uterine fibroids that do not respond to more conservative treatment options. Risks for surgical complications were presence of fibroids, younger age vascular pelvis with higher bleeding risk and larger uterus , dysfunctional uterine bleeding and parity. Women under the age of 45 years have a significantly increased long-term mortality that is believed to be caused by the hormonal side effects of hysterectomy and prophylactic oophorectomy. Ureteral injury is not uncommon and occurs in 0. Surprisingly, a similar and only slightly weaker effect has been observed for endometrial ablation which is often considered as an alternative to hysterectomy. A substantial number of women develop benign ovarian cysts after a hysterectomy. A smaller share of women report worsening of sexual life and other problems. The picture is significantly different for hysterectomy performed for malignant reasons; the procedure is often more radical with substantial side effects. This condition is often referred to as "surgical menopause", although it is substantially different from a naturally occurring menopausal state; the former is a sudden hormonal shock to the body that causes rapid onset of menopausal symptoms such as hot flashes, while the latter is a gradually occurring decrease of hormonal levels over a period of years with uterus intact and ovaries able to produce hormones even after the cessation of menstrual periods. One study showed that risk of subsequent cardiovascular disease is substantially increased for women who had hysterectomy at age 50 or younger. No association was found for women undergoing the procedure after age  The risk is higher when ovaries are removed but still noticeable even when ovaries are preserved. Hysterectomies have also been linked with higher rates of heart disease and weakened bones. Those who have undergone a hysterectomy with both ovaries removed typically have reduced testosterone levels as compared to those left intact. Typically, those complications develop 10â€”20 years after the surgery. It is also unknown if the choice of surgical technique has any effect. It has been assessed that the risk for urinary incontinence is approximately doubled within 20 years after hysterectomy. One long-term study found a 2. The risk is increased by obesity, diabetes, immunodeficiency disorder, use of systemic corticosteroids, smoking, wound hematoma, and preexisting infection such as chorioamnionitis and pelvic inflammatory disease. Typically, both confer erythema , but only an incisional abscess confers purulent drainage. The recommended treatment of an incisional abscess after hysterectomy is by incision and drainage , and then coverage by a thin layer of gauze followed by sterile dressing. The dressing should be changed and the wound irrigated with normal saline at least twice each day. In addition, it is recommended to administer an antibiotic active against staphylococci and streptococci, preferably vancomycin when there is a risk of MRSA. Alternatively, if the infection is cleared and healthy granulation tissue is evident at the base of the wound, the edges of the incision may be reapproximated, such as by using butterfly stitches , staples or sutures. Reconstructive surgery remains an option for women who have experienced benign and malignant conditions. The increased risk is particularly pronounced for young women; the risk was lower after vaginally performed hysterectomies. Removal of the uterus without removing the ovaries can produce a situation that on rare occasions can result in ectopic pregnancy due to an undetected fertilization that had yet to descend into the uterus before surgery. Two cases have been identified and profiled in an issue of the Blackwell Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology; over 20 other cases have been discussed in additional medical literature. On very rare occasions, sexual intercourse after hysterectomy may cause a transvaginal evisceration of the small bowel. A rare complication, it can dehisce and allow the eviseration of

the small bowel into the vagina.

## Chapter 5 : Heavy menstrual bleeding - Wikipedia

*Endometrial cancer is the most common gynecologic malignancy. It is the fourth most common cancer in women in the United States after breast, lung, and colorectal cancers.*

Non-commercial uses of the work are permitted without any further permission from Dove Medical Press Limited, provided the work is properly attributed. This article has been cited by other articles in PMC. Abstract Uterine fibroids are a major cause of morbidity in women of a reproductive age and sometimes even after menopause. There are several factors that are attributed to underlie the development and incidence of these common tumors, but this further corroborates their relatively unknown etiology. Leiomyosarcoma is a very rare entity that should be suspected in postmenopausal women with fibroid growth and no concurrent hormone replacement therapy. The gold standard diagnostic modality for uterine fibroids appears to be gray-scale ultrasonography, with magnetic resonance imaging being a close second option in complex clinical circumstances. The management of uterine fibroids can be approached medically, surgically, and even by minimal access techniques. The recent introduction of selective progesterone receptor modulators SPRMs and aromatase inhibitors has added more armamentarium to the medical options of treatment. Uterine artery embolization UAE has now been well-recognized as a uterine-sparing fertility-preserving method of treating fibroids. More definite surgery in the form of myomectomy or hysterectomy can be performed via the minimal access or open route methods. Our article seeks to review the already established information on uterine fibroids with added emphasis on contemporary knowledge. This suggests that the older premenopausal uterus is less susceptible to fibroid development. Early age of menarche is also a risk factor for other hormonally mediated conditions such as endometrial and breast cancers. Parity and pregnancy Parity has been inversely associated with a risk of fibroid development in the earlier studies, 14 and the newer studies confirm these findings. There have been some suggestions that during postpartum uterine remodeling, there could be selective apoptosis of small lesions. The underlying biological mechanism of infection-related oncogenesis proposed is that injury caused by infection or inflammation proceeds through several possible pathways, leading to increased extracellular matrix, cell proliferation, and decreased apoptosis, apropos of abnormal tissue repair. As luteinizing hormone LH shares a receptor with human chorionic gonadotropin, the hormone that stimulates uterine growth during early pregnancy, it is hypothesized that peri-menopausal increases in LH would stimulate fibroid growth. Dietary factors have looked at the intake of soy which tends to have anti-estrogenic effects when endogenous estrogens are high ie, premenopausal women , thus hypothesizing that soy intake might reduce fibroid risk. All these areas of interest are currently hypothetical and need further study to clarify their exact role in the etiology of fibroids. Presentation Uterine fibroids are the cause for some of the most common gynecological problems among women presenting to gynecology emergency and outpatient departments in the UK. They are often asymptomatic but they can cause a multitude of symptoms Table 1 such as abnormal uterine bleeding, a feeling of pelvic pressure, urinary incontinence or retention, or pain. They may also be associated with reproductive problems such as infertility and miscarriage.

## Chapter 6 : Stage IV Uterine Cancer â€“ UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center

*Thus, MRI is more sensitive in identifying uterine fibroids than ultrasound, does not involve the use of ionizing radiation, and it can readily demonstrate the uterine zonal anatomy,42,49 Submucosal, intramural, and subserosal fibroids are usually easily differentiated with MRI, and fibroids as small as 5 mm in diameter can be demonstrated.*

Frequently Asked Questions Here are some answers to some of the more common questions people ask about uterine cancer. What is the uterus? The uterus is a hollow, pear-shaped organ, also known as the womb. Fallopian tubes on both sides of the uterus connect it to each ovary. The bottom part of the uterus is called the cervix. The cervix connects the uterus with the vagina. The middle round part of the uterus is called the corpus. The round part at the top of the uterus is called the fundus. The walls of the uterus are made up of three layers: This is the inner layer or lining of the uterus. This is the middle layer. This is the outer layer of tissue coating the uterus. What causes uterine cancer? All the causes of uterine cancer are not known. Doctors believe that hormones that are out of balance often cause the type of uterine cancer called endometrial carcinoma. The ovaries make most of the female hormones estrogen and progesterone. If the uterus is exposed to too much estrogen over a long period of time, cancer cells may develop. What are the types of uterine cancer? There are two main kinds of uterine cancer. They are named based on where they occur in the uterus: This is by far the most common form of uterine cancer. The endometrium is the tissue in the uterus that thickens every month so that it will be ready to receive a fertilized egg. If the egg is not fertilized, it passes through the uterus and the endometrium sheds through the vagina. This is menstruation or monthly periods. Cancer may also occur in the other tissues of the uterus besides the endometrium, such as in the muscle myometrium. The myometrium works mainly during labor to help push the baby through the cervix and vagina. Cancer in any of these tissues of the uterus is called sarcoma. This is a much less common form of uterine cancer. What are the symptoms of uterine cancer? These are the most common symptoms of uterine cancer: Unusual bleeding, spotting, or discharge from the vagina Any bleeding from the vagina after menopause A mass or tumor in the lower abdomen belly that can be felt Pain in the pelvic area or lower abdomen belly Unexplained weight loss These symptoms may be caused by uterine cancer or several other less serious health problems. If you notice any of them, talk with your doctor right away. What are the risk factors for uterine cancer? Certain factors can make you more likely to get uterine cancer. These are called risk factors. But just because you have one or more risk factors does not mean you will definitely get uterine cancer. In fact, you can have all the risk factors and still not develop the disease. Or you can have no risk factors and still get uterine cancer. Here are the main risk factors for uterine cancer. Many of these risk factors are for endometrial carcinoma. These risks involve having too much exposure to the hormone estrogen: Tamoxifen is a drug used to treat women who have breast cancer and is used to help prevent breast cancer in women at high risk. Women who take tamoxifen have a higher risk of getting uterine endometrial cancer. Women who use estrogen therapy without also using progesterone have a higher chance of getting uterine endometrial cancer. Women who have endometrial hyperplasia have a higher risk of getting uterine endometrial cancer. Endometrial hyperplasia means that there are more cells than there should be in the lining of the uterus. This is called a precancerous condition because it might turn into cancer. Women with endometrial hyperplasia may have unusual bleeding. Obesity is a leading risk factor for endometrial cancer. Health conditions linked to obesity, such as diabetes, also increase your risk. Women who had their first period before they were 12 have a higher risk for uterine endometrial cancer. Women who reach menopause after age 50 have a higher risk for uterine endometrial cancer. Most women who get uterine endometrial cancer are older than age  Family history of uterine endometrial cancer. Women with family members who have had uterine or colon cancer are more likely to get it. Previous radiation therapy to the pelvis. Polycystic ovarian syndrome PCOS. Women with PCOS have abnormal hormone levels. These imbalances can increase the risk of uterine endometrial cancer. Women who have had ovarian, colon, rectal, or breast cancer have a higher chance of getting uterine endometrial cancer. Why does obesity increase the risk for uterine cancer? Fatty tissue can change other hormones into estrogen. And the more estrogen your uterus is exposed to, the

greater your risk is of developing endometrial carcinoma. How can I reduce my risk for uterine cancer? You can reduce your risk for uterine cancer by avoiding as many risk factors as possible. For example, eating well and exercising regularly may help you stay at a healthy weight. Talk with your health care team about your risk for uterine cancer and steps you can take to help lower your risk. What screening tests are available for uterine cancer? There is no standard screening test to find uterine cancer. A Pap smear, a test routinely used to find cervical cancer, is not very useful in finding uterine cancer. How is a diagnosis of uterine cancer made? The symptoms linked to uterine cancer can also be caused by less serious problems. To find the cause of any of these symptoms, the doctor asks you about your health history and your family medical history. He or she does a careful physical exam. This includes a pelvic exam and Pap test. This test does not show if a woman has uterine cancer because it checks cells in the cervix, not the uterus. The doctor may order a biopsy to help make a diagnosis. During a biopsy, the doctor removes some tissue from the inner uterine lining called the endometrium. This involves scraping tissue from different parts of the lining of the uterus. If I have uterine cancer, will I need a hysterectomy? Surgery to take out the uterus, called a hysterectomy, is the main way to treat most types of uterine cancer. Sometimes, a hysterectomy can get rid of all the cancer in your body. This is especially true for early stages of endometrial carcinoma. While removing your uterus, your surgeon will usually take out your fallopian tubes and ovaries to stop the production of estrogen. This helps slow or stop the spread of uterine cancer. You may have other treatments before or after surgery. These include radiation, hormone therapy, or chemotherapy. What is staging of uterine cancer? Staging is a way to describe how large the cancer is and how far the cancer has spread. Finding the stage of uterine cancer helps your doctor determine the best treatment for you. For uterine cancer, these are the four stages: Stage I uterine cancer is only in the uterus. It is not in the cervix. Stage II cancer means that there are also cancer cells in the cervix, but the cancer has not spread to lymph nodes or other organs. This means that the cancer has spread beyond the pelvis to other parts of the body, such as lungs, liver, bone, or brain. What are the treatments for uterine cancer? Treatments for uterine cancer include surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy, and chemotherapy: Your doctor will likely take out your uterus and will usually take out the fallopian tubes, ovaries, and nearby lymph nodes. How much is removed depends on the size of the tumor, what the cancer cells look like, and how the cancer has spread.

## Chapter 7 : Abnormal uterine bleeding - Wikipedia

*This test does not show if a woman has uterine cancer because it checks cells in the cervix, not the uterus. But it can help make sure you don't have another problem with similar symptoms. The doctor may order a biopsy to help make a diagnosis.*

Abdominal pain, anemia and increased bleeding can indicate the presence of fibroids. During pregnancy , they may also be the cause of miscarriage , [8] bleeding, premature labor , or interference with the position of the fetus. The abdomen can grow larger mimicking the appearance of pregnancy. Diet[ edit ] Diets high in fruits and vegetables tend to lower the risk of developing fibroids. Often a translocation is found on some chromosomes. If a mother had fibroids, risk in the daughter is about three times higher than average. They found that only a few specific genes or cytogenetic deviations are associated with fibroids. Inheritance is autosomal dominant. Pathophysiology[ edit ] An enucleated uterine leiomyoma â€" external surface on left, cut surface on right. Fibroids are a type of uterine leiomyoma. Fibroids grossly appear as round, well circumscribed but not encapsulated , solid nodules that are white or tan, and show whorled appearance on histological section. The size varies, from microscopic to lesions of considerable size. Typically lesions the size of a grapefruit or bigger are felt by the patient herself through the abdominal wall. Microscopically, tumor cells resemble normal cells elongated, spindle-shaped, with a cigar-shaped nucleus and form bundles with different directions whorled. These cells are uniform in size and shape, with scarce mitoses. There are three benign variants: The appearance of prominent nucleoli with perinucleolar halos should alert the pathologist to investigate the possibility of the extremely rare hereditary leiomyomatosis and renal cell cancer Reed syndrome. Different locations are classified as follows: Intramural fibroids are located within the muscular wall of the uterus and are the most common type. Unless they are large, they may be asymptomatic. Intramural fibroids begin as small nodules in the muscular wall of the uterus. With time, intramural fibroids may expand inwards, causing distortion and elongation of the uterine cavity. Subserosal fibroids are located on the surface of the uterus. They can also grow outward from the surface and remain attached by a small piece of tissue and then are called pedunculated fibroids. A pedunculated lesion within the cavity is termed an intracavitary fibroid and can be passed through the cervix. Cervical fibroids are located in the wall of the cervix neck of the uterus. Rarely, fibroids are found in the supporting structures round ligament , broad ligament , or uterosacral ligament of the uterus that also contain smooth muscle tissue. Fibroids may be single or multiple. Most fibroids start in the muscular wall of the uterus. With further growth, some lesions may develop towards the outside of the uterus or towards the internal cavity. Secondary changes that may develop within fibroids are hemorrhage, necrosis, calcification, and cystic changes. They tend to calcify after menopause. Extrauterine fibroids of uterine origin, metastatic fibroids[ edit ] Fibroids of uterine origin located in other parts of the body, sometimes also called parasitic myomas have been historically extremely rare, but are now diagnosed with increasing frequency. They may be related or identical to metastasizing leiomyoma. They are in most cases still hormone dependent but may cause life-threatening complications when they appear in distant organs. Some sources suggest that a substantial share of the cases may be late complications of surgeries such as myomectomy or hysterectomy. Particularly laparoscopic myomectomy using a morcellator has been associated with an increased risk of this complication. They still grow in a benign fashion, but can be dangerous depending on their location. In intravenous leiomyomatosis , leiomyomata grow in veins with uterine fibroids as their source. Involvement of the heart can be fatal. In benign metastasizing leiomyoma, leiomyomata grow in more distant sites such as the lungs and lymph nodes. The source is not entirely clear. Pulmonary involvement can be fatal. In disseminated intraperitoneal leiomyomatosis, leiomyomata grow diffusely on the peritoneal and omental surfaces, with uterine fibroids as their source. This can simulate a malignant tumor but behaves benignly.

## Chapter 8 : Hysterectomy - Wikipedia

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*Uterine rupture is a public health problem in developing countries. When it is spontaneous, it occurs most often during labor in a context of scarred uterus. Uterine rupture during pregnancy is a rare situation.*

## Chapter 9 : Placenta accreta - Symptoms and causes - Mayo Clinic

*Injuries unique to pregnant occupants involved in motor-vehicle crashes include placental abruption, uterine rupture or laceration, and direct fetal injury. The mechanisms and characteristics of these injuries are discussed using examples from a literature review and from recent investigations of crashes involving pregnant occupants.*