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New guide to assist diagnosis of endometrial cancer

Cancer Australia has released a new resource for general practitioners and gynaecologists to assist in effective and timely investigation of symptoms which could be endometrial cancer. Endometrial cancer is the most common invasive gynaecological cancer in Australia and the incidence of the disease is increasing.

Abnormal vaginal bleeding in pre-, peri- and post-menopausal women: a diagnostic guide for general practitioners and gynaecologists will assist health professionals in assessing women with abnormal vaginal bleeding.

“About 2,100 women were expected to be diagnosed with endometrial cancer last year, many of whom will experience abnormal vaginal bleeding as their first sign of the disease,” said Dr Helen Zorbas, Chief Executive Officer, Cancer Australia. “This new diagnostic guide, which includes two detailed flowcharts, will assist GPs and gynaecologists in identifying those women who are at risk of developing endometrial cancer, and provide guidance on the most appropriate investigations to help maximise diagnostic accuracy.”

Cancer Australia’s National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers developed the resource, with input from a multidisciplinary working group, in response to identified variations in the investigation of abnormal vaginal bleeding in pre-, peri- and post-menopausal women which may indicate endometrial cancer.

The guide, which is being sent to all GPs, has been endorsed by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists.

To download the guide, visit *News and notices* on Cancer Australia’s website

www.canceraustralia.gov.au

From July 2011, National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre (NBOCC) will amalgamate with Cancer Australia to form a single national agency, Cancer Australia, to provide leadership in cancer control and improve outcomes for Australians affected by cancer.

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