

CAROLINA ENDOMETRIAL CANCER STUDY

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We Need Your Help!

Your participation, the stories you tell, and the information you provide are so important. With your help, we may be able to answer some important questions and better understand how to improve the lives of people with endometrial cancer in North Carolina.

We hope that you will say, "Yes!"

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There are more than 600,000 survivors of endometrial cancer in the United States today— 2nd only to breast cancer among female cancers! It's the #1 cancer of the female reproductive system. It's becoming more common with every passing year, but still too little is known about it. This is changing, and the Carolina Endometrial Cancer Study (CECS) wants your help. By sharing your journey from diagnosis and treatment through survivorship today, we hope to help future generations overcome, or even avoid, this disease.

What is involved?

CECS is not a clinical trial. Your treatment won't change if you participate. That means no new drugs. Your decision about participating won't change your relationship with your doctor, the treatment they recommend, or the medical care you receive. All participation is voluntary.

At a time that works for you, we will call you to schedule a telephone interview to learn more about your background and treatment history, but we also have options for online or mail-in surveys, if that works best for you. The survey takes a little more than an hour.

What do you get?

Participants get paid \$40 for completing the survey, \$30 for providing consent for us to get copies of your medical records and stored samples of your tumor, and \$40 for mailing in a saliva self-collection kit.

How did we get your name?

All cases of cancer must be reported to the North Carolina Central Cancer Registry, who can share with qualified researchers like us. We first had to let your doctor know that we are going to reach out. If they had not wanted us to contact you, we would have honored that request.

Why am I important? Why should I take part?

Your story is unique, and so we have much to learn from you.





Endometrial Cancer: Facts & Research

There is so much that physicians and researchers just don't know about this cancer. CECS hopes that the insights it gains with your help might change this.

*"Our **primary purpose** is to understand the health concerns of people with endometrial cancer living in North Carolina."*

*"Our **primary research goal** is to address health disparities and find ways to prevent and more effectively treat endometrial cancer in the future."*

What do we know?

- Endometrial cancer is the **4th most common** cancer among women.
- About **1 of every 50** cancer deaths will have been from endometrial cancer in 2021.
- Endometrial cancer is becoming **more common**.
- Black women are at **HIGHER** risk of more aggressive forms of endometrial cancer.
- A 2020 study from Columbia University shows that Black women are **LESS LIKELY** to receive the best evidence-based care.
- Histories of pregnancy, taking birth control pills, and using an intrauterine device are linked to a **LOWER** risk of endometrial cancer.
- Estrogen-only hormone therapy, a history of ovarian or breast cancer, and a family history of colon cancer are associated with **HIGHER** risk.
- And **YOUR HELP** could help save the lives of future generations at risk of this cancer!

Meet the Study Team

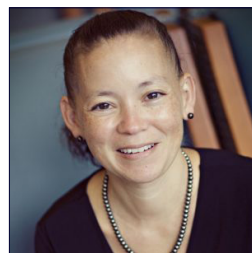
The Study Team is made up of a dedicated group of people who are experienced in cancer research. Everyone is thrilled to be part of this study and is dedicated to the success of this important research.



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"We are thrilled to be part of CECS and look forward to hearing your unique stories!"

Vicki Brown — Telephone Interviewer



She enrolls participants and conducts their phone surveys. She has over 27 years of experience as a licensed social worker while contributing to several research studies.

Linda Shaw — Telephone Interviewer



She enrolls participants and conducts their phone surveys. She has been involved in cancer research at UNC since 2010. She really enjoys getting to know people in the study and hearing about their experiences.

Heather Tipaldos, MS — Project Director



She manages administration and study staff, enrollment coordination, and data collection. She brings experience from a wide range of cancer studies like CECS.

Adam Gardner — Study Coordinator



He oversees implementation of the study design on a day-to-day basis. He has worked in cancer research at UNC since 2010.



Get Involved. Find Support.

You are not meant to endure cancer alone. If you are interested in connecting with other people affected by endometrial cancer or getting emotional support and financial assistance, check out these support groups for people with endometrial cancer.

ENDOMETRIAL CANCER RESOURCES:

American Cancer Society

1-800-ACS-2345
www.cancer.org

National Cancer Institute

1-800-4-CANCER
www.cancer.gov

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1 of Us

1 of Us is a Raleigh, NC-based support group assisting breast and gynecological cancer patients in North Carolina who are in financial crisis. The group is partnered with UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and regularly hosts local annual gathering events for women with cancer. For more information, please visit 1ofus.org



The Hope Chest For Women, Inc.

The Hope Chest For Women, Inc. supports women living in 22 counties of Western NC and diagnosed or at risk for breast and gynecologic cancer. The group provides financial assistance to women who are battling breast or gynecologic cancer and residing in Western NC. For more information, please visit hopechestforwomen.org



Endometrial Cancer Action Network for African-Americans

ECANA advocates for any African-American woman affected by endometrial cancer and hosts national annual conferences for researchers and patient ambassadors. The group also provides educational materials for endometrial cancer patients. For more information, please visit ecanawomen.org

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