

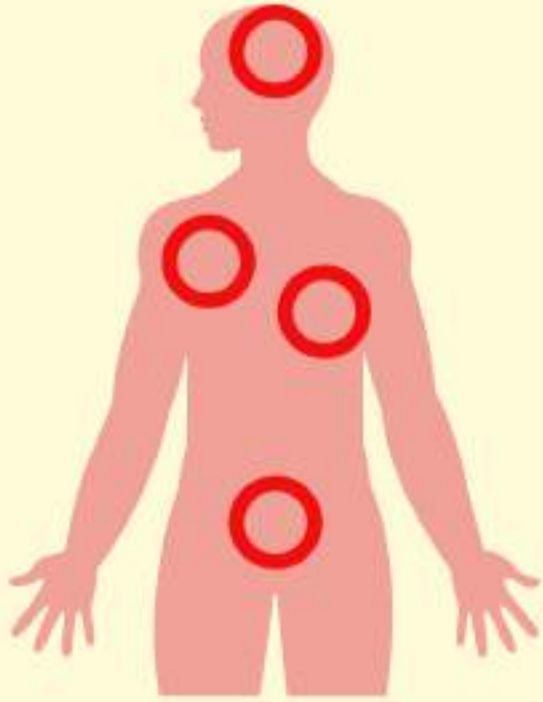
Stages of ovarian cancer

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Ovarian cancer is put into 4 stages.



These show how much it has spread and how it can be treated.



When you find out you have ovarian cancer your doctor will tell you which stage it is at.

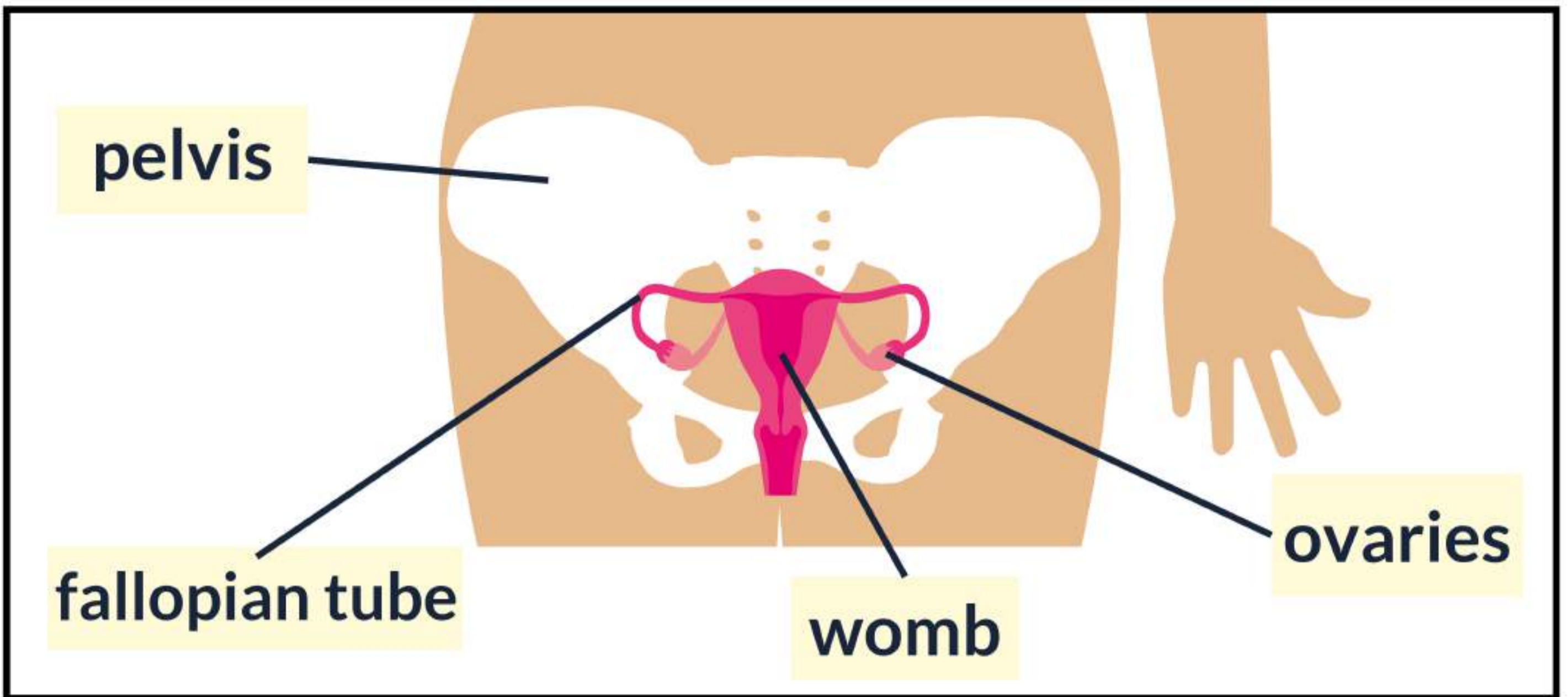
This might be after having scans or an operation.



Tests on your cancer will show what type of ovarian cancer you have.

You need to know the stage and type of cancer so you can make decisions about your treatment.

Stage 1



This is the earliest stage. It means the cancer is in one or both of your **ovaries**.

Ovaries produce eggs and hormones.



An operation may be able to remove all the cancer.

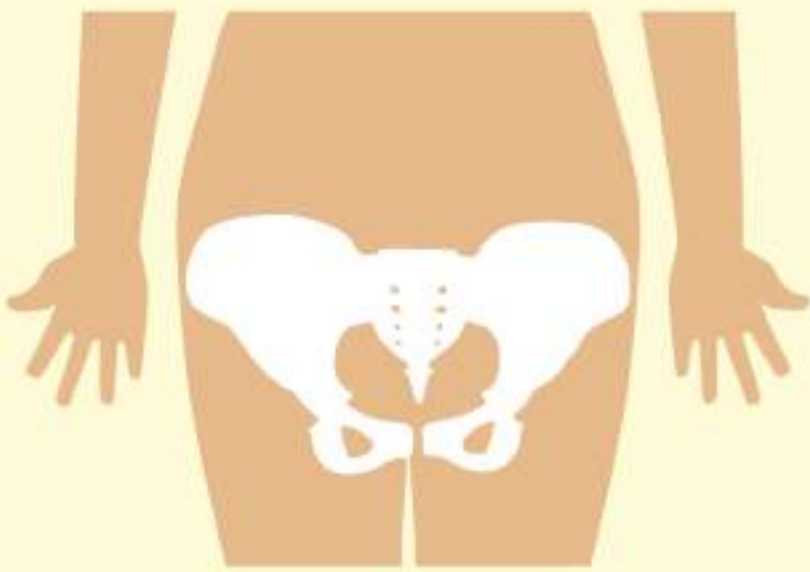


If the cancer on your ovaries has gone into your tummy area you may need an operation.

You may also need **chemotherapy**.

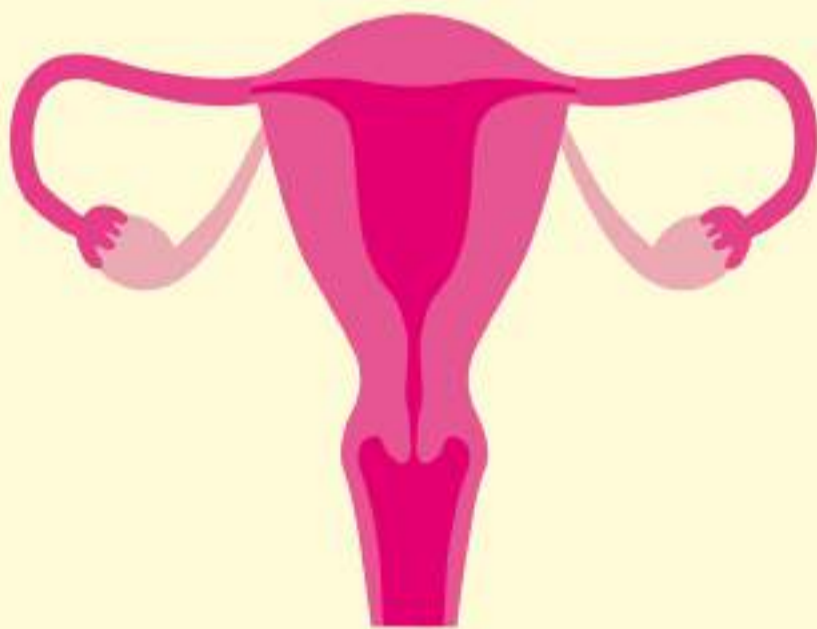
Chemotherapy is drugs that can kill cancer.

Stage 2



This means the cancer has gone into your **pelvis**.

The pelvis is below your waist between your hip bones.



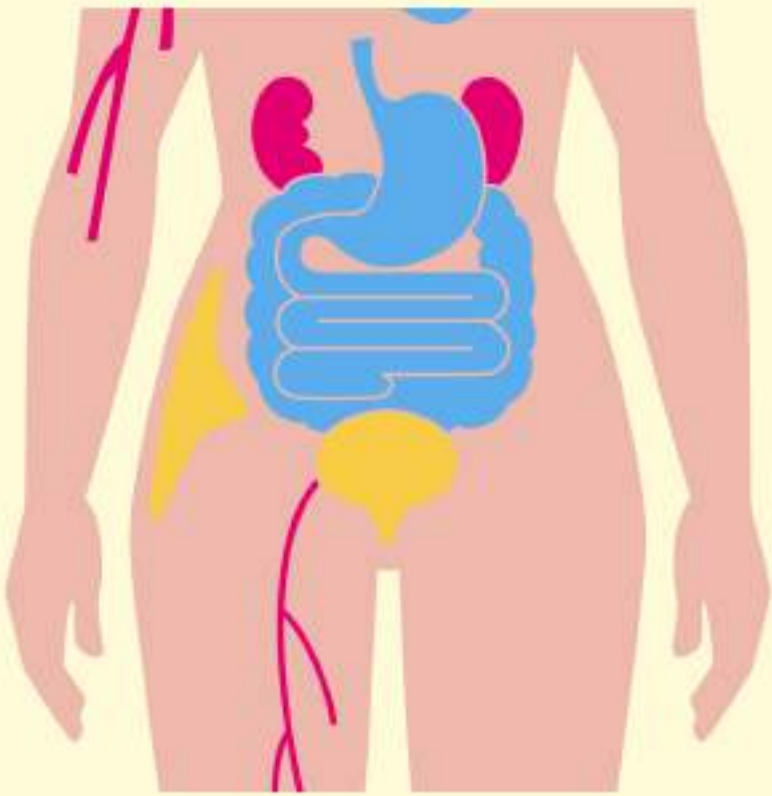
It may have gone into your womb. It may be on your **fallopian tubes**.

The fallopian tubes join your ovaries to your womb.



If your cancer is at stage 2 you will be offered chemotherapy and an operation.

Stage 3



This means the cancer has spread from the ovaries and pelvis.

It is in other organs in your tummy area.



This is the stage when most ovarian cancer is found.

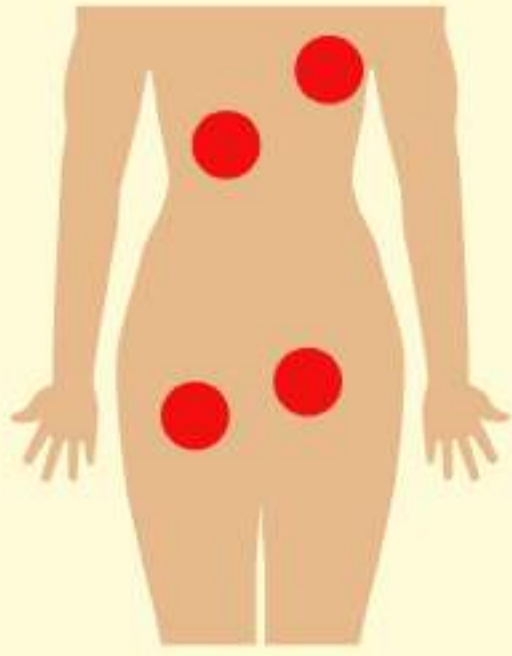
You will need an operation and chemotherapy to treat stage 3 ovarian cancer.



You may get chemotherapy to shrink the cancer.

This makes it easier to remove the cancer when you have your operation.

Stage 4



This is when the ovarian cancer has spread to other parts of your body.



It can be in your lungs.



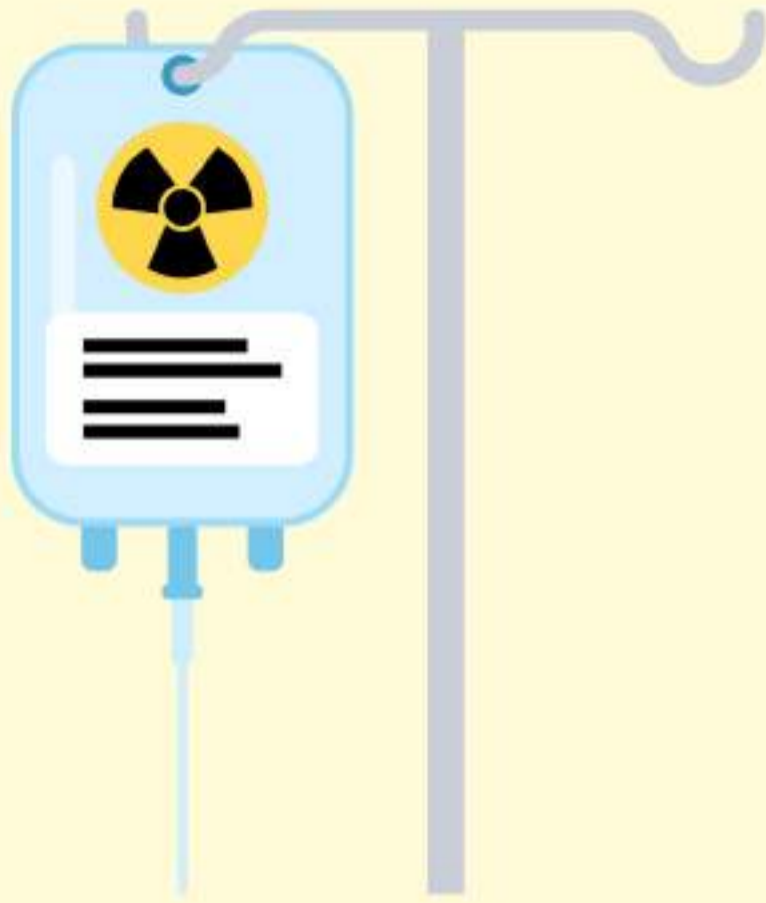
This may make you feel breathless.



You can be treated with chemotherapy and an operation.

Sometimes having just chemotherapy is the best treatment.

Chemotherapy



Chemotherapy is drugs that can kill cancer.

It is used to get rid of any cancer left in your body after your operation.



Chemotherapy drugs are given using a vein in your arm.



The drugs are injected into a vein in your arm.

This is done using a needle.



You will get your chemotherapy at a hospital clinic.

Chemotherapy for ovarian cancer is usually given every 3 weeks in 6 clinic visits.

Chemotherapy



Chemotherapy can make you feel tired and sick.



It can cause hair loss.



These problems often end when you finish your treatment.

What is Ovacome?



Ovacome is a charity that helps people with ovarian cancer and their friends and families.



Contact Ovacome if you want to talk to someone about ovarian cancer.

It is **free** to call Ovacome. You do not need an appointment.



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