



# HEALTH AWARENESS

## Ovarian Cancer: New Patient Guidelines

(NAPSA)—Being better informed may lead to better health. That's the hope for thousands of women who have ovarian cancer, thanks to an informative new brochure, available free of charge from medical research experts.

According to the American Cancer Society, ovarian cancer is the second most common gynecological cancer in the United States. The society estimates that there will be 23,300 new cases of ovarian cancer in this country this year, and about 13,900 women will die of the disease.

"By making these guidelines available, we're providing patients with the most up-to-date treatment information, based on years of research. We're giving them the power to make decisions that are best for them," explained Robert C. Young, M.D., national volunteer president of the American Cancer Society and president of Fox Chase Cancer Center, a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN).

Recently, the NCCN and the American Cancer Society released *Ovarian Cancer Treatment Guidelines for Patients*, the latest in a series of informative booklets about cancer. The NCCN Treatment Guidelines for Patients are companion pieces to the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology used by physicians making treatment decisions. The guidelines provide the most up-to-date information about treatment options and are written in easy-to-understand language. These booklets help to



**New brochures may help ovarian cancer patients make more informed decisions about their treatment.**

facilitate communication between the patient and physician and provide basic information on different types of cancers, their causes, various treatment options, and a glossary of terms.

"By providing oncologists and their patients similar resources, each written in their own language, the guidelines enable shared decision-making. In essence, each member of the team is on the same page," said Rodger J. Winn, MD, NCCN's Guidelines Steering Committee Chair.

To order a free copy of any of the NCCN patient guidelines, visit the NCCN Web site at [www.nccn.org](http://www.nccn.org) or call toll-free: 1-888-909-NCCN.