

# Ovarian Cancer



STAGE \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT NUMBER STICKER HERE

## PROCEDURES

- **HIPEC** (Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy)
- **CHEMOTHERAPY**
- **SURGERY** - removal of:
  - Uterus (hysterectomy) Tubes and ovaries
  - Omentum (Layer of fatty tissue resting on intra-abdominal organs)
  - Parts of the large and or small bowel and appendix
  - Spleen
  - Gallbladder /portion of the liver
  - Portion of the bladder or ureter
  - Lymph nodes
  - Internal Lining of the abdomen (peritoneum)
  - Diversion of bowel via stoma (bowel bag)

## SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS

- Bleeding
- Infection- wound / chest/ pelvis/ urine
- Damage to bladder/ bowel/ ureters/ nerves / blood vessels
- Secondary procedure to manage complication
- Bowel leak
- Blood clot
- Difficulty in passing urine or stools
- Swollen or painful legs – lymphoedema
- Menopause symptoms (i.e. hot flashes)
- Lymphocele (lymphatic fluid)
- Hernia at surgical site

## COMMON TREATMENT SIDE-EFFECTS

- Bleeding / Infection
- Diarrhoea / incontinence / constipation
- Fatigue & Mood changes
- Menopause symptoms (i.e. hot flashes)
- Sexual dysfunction (i.e. vaginal dryness, painful sex)
- Hair loss
- Abnormal connection between bowel or bladder and vagina (fistula)
- Neuropathy (numbness of hands and feet)

