

# Vulval Cancer



STAGE \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT NUMBER STICKER HERE

## PROCEDURES

- **CHEMOTHERAPY**
- **SURGERY** - removal of:
  - Vvulva (partial or total)
  - Lymph nodes in groin and or pelvis
  - Reconstructive plastic surgery
  - Diversion of bowel via stoma (bowel bag)
  - Chemotherapy
- **Radiotherapy** external and/or internal (brachytherapy)

## SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS

- Bleeding
- Infection- wound/chest/pelvis/urine
- Damage to bladder/bowel/ureters/nerves/blood vessels
- Secondary procedure to manage complication
- Blood clot
- Swollen or painful legs – lymphoedema
- Lymphocyst
- Loss of skin sensation (numbness)
- Seroma (build-up of fluid where tissue removed)

## COMMON TREATMENT SIDE-EFFECTS

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

