Signs And Symptoms Of Gynaecological Cancers

Name of Sign and Symptom	Gynaecological Cancer				
	Vagina	Vulva	Cervical	Ovaries	Endometrium
Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding after menopause in women aged 55 years and over (more than 12 months after menstruation has stopped because of the menopause)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vulval bleeding		✓			
Bleeding between periods	✓	✓	✓		✓
Light bleeding or spotting at different times in menstrual cycle	✓				✓
Vaginal Discharge	✓		✓		✓
Pain in the lower abdomen or pelvis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pain during sex	✓	✓	✓		✓
Unintentional weight loss				✓	✓
Bloating	✓	✓		✓	✓
Feeling hungry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Appetite loss or early satiety (persistent or frequent – particularly more than 12 times per month) in women, especially if aged 50 years and over				✓	

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Feeling sick (nausea)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Persistent itch, lump or changes to skin of vulva and vagina	✓	✓			
Appearance of cervix consistent with cervical cancer			✓		
Haemoglobin levels low with visible haematuria in women aged 55 years and over					✓
Blood glucose levels high with visible haematuria in women aged 55 years and over					✓
Haematuria	✓			✓	
Haematuria (visible) with thrombocytosis in women aged 55 years and over					✓
Abdominal distension (persistent or frequent – particularly more than 12 times per month) in women, especially if aged 50 years and over				✓	

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Ascites and/or a pelvic or abdominal mass identified by physical examination (which is not obviously uterine fibroids) in women				✓	
Irritable bowel syndrome symptoms within the last 12 months in women aged 50 years and over				✓	
Change in bowel habit (unexplained) in women	✓			✓	
A mole on the vulva that changes shape or colour		✓			
Fatigue (unexplained) in women	✓			✓	
Vaginal mass (unexplained and palpable) in or at the entrance to the vagina	✓				
Urinary urgency or frequency (increased and persistent or frequent – particularly more than 12 times per month) in women, especially if aged 50 years and over				✓	
Burning pain when peeing	✓	✓		✓	

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Vaginal Fistula	✓				
Raised and thickened patches of skin that can be red, white or dark		✓			

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