Ovarian cancer is the 5th most common cancer in Europe for females.

In 2012 around 65,600 new cases of ovarian cancer were diagnosed in Europe and 239,000 worldwide.

Ovarian cancer tends to be more common among women in more affluent groups.

80-90% of ovarian cancers are epithelial in origin.

Several factors may influence the development of ovarian cancer, including age, environmental factors, lifestyle factors, and family history.

Ovarian cancer symptoms include:
- Abdominal swelling
- Feeling full in the abdomen
- Loss of appetite
- Pain in the lower abdomen or side
- Needing to pass urine more urgently or more frequently

Ovarian cancer symptoms can often be misdiagnosed as other, less serious health problems.

60% of ovarian cancers are diagnosed at an advanced stage.

5-year survival decreases significantly with stage of diagnosis.

Stage 1 – 92%
Stage 2/3 – 72%
Stage 4 – 27%

References: