

Cervical Cancer: The Effects of Cancer to the Body

The sad truth about cervical cancer is that women do not really experience the signs and symptoms until it has spread or metastasized to other organs. Even when the patient has been taking treatments, side effects may also be experienced; and the severity or extent of the side effects depends on the type of the course of management the patient has chosen.

The Complications of Metastatic Cervical Cancer

And because cervical cancer can progress rapidly especially if not treated at the early stages, it can spread to other organs. Because the site of metastasis is damaged, then other symptoms start to appear. However, the treatment to cure cervical cancer itself may have significant and debilitating side effects as well.

Organs like the liver, lungs, brain, lungs, kidneys, spinal cord and other vital organs can as well be invaded by these damaging cancer cells; and when this happens, these are the possible effects on the woman's body:

- Dyspareunia (painful sexual intercourse)
- Debilitating back pains
- Fractures and bone pains
- Leg cramps or leg pain
- Anorexia (poor appetite)
- Body malaise (generalized body weakness)
- Leakage of urine in the vagina
- Seeping of fecal materials in the vagina

The Complications and Side Effects of Treatments for Cancer

In most cases, cancer treatments come with serious side effects. However, these side effects can be controlled, effectively managed and even prevented. It would always be the best option for the doctor to discuss the possible side effects as well as the risks before actually going into treatment. In some cases, because of anxiety, some patients would seek for a second medical opinion, and that is also a great idea.

One of the major side effects of cervical cancer treatment is infertility. This is again another sad truth especially when the patient is still planning to have children. It is the role of the doctor to make this clear to the patient and her partner.

The Effects of Surgical Interventions

Like any other surgical procedure, there are corresponding complications that need to be clearly understood by a patient before deciding to undergo it. The side effects would greatly depend on the type of surgery to be done.

- **Hysterectomy.** This is the surgical procedure that involves the removal of the uterus. And, of course, once the uterus is removed, childbearing is impossible.

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- When there is a need to remove the ovaries surgically, then a patient would be entering the menopausal stage. Menopause has a lot of symptoms and discomforts, however, these symptoms can be managed with the use of some drugs and of course by lifestyle modification.

The Effects of Radiation Therapy

The side effects of radiation therapy can either be short-term or long-term.

- Easy fatigability
- Stomach upsets
- Nausea and vomiting
- Passage of loose watery stools
- Dryness of the vagina
- Difficulty of urination
- Early or premature menopause
- Dyspareunia or painful sex
- Irritation and scarring of the vaginal tissues
- Shortening and narrowing of the vaginal canal
- Vaginal stenosis

The Side Effects of Chemotherapy

Since chemotherapeutic drugs also destroy the normal healthy cells, side effects are most likely to occur.

- Difficulty of breathing or shortness of breath
- Bruising or bleeding tendencies
- Alopecia or hair loss
- Nausea and vomiting
- Mouth lesions and sores

Compromised immune system