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Tampons/Endometrial Cancer

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Vivien Williams on-camera	Hi, I'm Vivien Williams with a Mayo Clinic News Network headline
Vivien Williams voice over	Tampons. A study from Mayo Clinic shows they may be key to detecting endometrial cancer. Researchers say it's possible to detect endometrial cancer using tumor DNA picked up by ordinary tampons. The new approach looks for the presence of chemical "off" switches, which disable genes that normally keep cancer in check. This finding is a critical step toward a convenient and effective screening test for endometrial cancer, which is the most common gynecologic cancer in the U.S. Doctor Jamie Bakkum-Gamez , gynecologic oncologist at Mayo Clinic, explains.
SOT: Dr. Jamie Bakkum-Gamez, Mayo Clinic Gynecologic Oncologist	"The challenges of endometrial cancer is that there is not a screening test for it, even though it is the most common form of malignancy we don't have a pap test for it, a mammogram for it. There is not a test that picks up endometrial cancer at an early state or a precancerous stage."
Vivien Williams voice-over	It is estimated that over 50-thousand new cases of endometrial cancer will be diagnosed in 2015.
SOT: Dr. Jamie Bakkum-Gamez	"We wanted to build a screening device that was well accepted and patient accept and easy to access."
Vivien Williams on camera	With today's Mayo Clinic News Network Headline, I'm Vivien Williams.