

Mayo Clinic Minute: Fertility-sparing treatment of endometrial cancer

ANCHOR INTRO: Endometrial cancer is the fourth-most common cancer among women in the U.S. While it typically occurs after menopause, younger women can develop the disease too. And for those who hope to become pregnant in the future, Mayo Clinic experts say fertility-sparing treatment may be an option.

DeeDee Stiepan explains in this Mayo Clinic Minute.

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Reporter	Endometrial cancer begins in the endometrium, the lining of the uterus.
Evelyn Reynolds, M.D. Gynecologic Oncology Mayo Clinic 1:35	"We are seeing an increase in patients under the age of 45, where particularly our patients who may be in their 20s or 30s and still want future fertility."
Reporter	Standard treatment for endometrial cancer is a hysterectomy, a surgery to remove the uterus. But for some younger patients who want to preserve their ability to become pregnant, there may be another option.
02:58 Dr. Reynolds	"There are certain criteria that, if a patient meets, they may be a good candidate for fertility-sparing treatment."
04:17 Dr. Reynolds	"Lower-grade tumors that are confined to the endometrium are the ideal ones for treatment that can spare the uterus."
05:59 Dr. Reynolds	"There are different ways in which we can do targeted resection of the tumor."
Reporter	Bringing hope to eligible patients who want to have children in the future.
Dr. Reynolds 08:19	"We don't make assumptions. It's always a conversation with the patients, and it's a multidisciplinary approach."

12:18 Dr. Reynolds	"I want them to know that there are options."
Reporter	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm DeeDee Stiepan.