

# The Philadelphia Crystal Ball 2008

## Fact Sheet

- Ovarian cancer is a serious and under-recognized threat to women's health.
- Ovarian cancer kills more women than all other gynecologic cancers combined.
- Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States.
- Ovarian cancer occurs in 1 in 67 women.
- American Cancer Society statistics show about 15,280 women will die this year alone and more than 22,430 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed.
- Ovarian cancer is very treatable when caught early; the vast majority of cases are not diagnosed until too late. When ovarian cancer is caught before it has spread outside the ovaries, 94% will survive 5 years.
- Only 20% of ovarian cancer is caught early.
- When diagnosed after the disease has spread, the chance of five-year survival drops to less than 25%.
- Ovarian cancer is difficult to diagnose.
- There is no reliable screening test for the early detection of ovarian cancer.
- The Pap smear only checks for cervical cancer.

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### **Teal Ribbon Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. Inc.**

#### **Ovarian Cancer Research Grants Funded**

Teal Ribbon Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. funds ovarian cancer research dealing with early detection of ovarian cancer and treatment advancements to improve the lives of ovarian cancer survivors.

2007

\$250,000 –Canary Foundation, Inc. directed to fund The University of Pennsylvania Center for Ovarian Cancer Research Lab directed by Dr. George Coukos, MD, PhD. for early detection of ovarian cancer.

\$25,000 – (pending) Fox Chase Cancer Center directed to ovarian cancer research.

2006

\$20,000 – Fox Chase Cancer Center to support Dr. Xiangxi Xu's research programs on why ovarian cancer cells are disordered, how reproductive factors ( child bearing history, menopausal stages) influence cancer risk, and way to prevent follicle depletion reproductive aging.

\$10,000 - The University of Pennsylvania Center for Ovarian Cancer Research Lab directed by Dr. George Coukos, MD, PhD. for early detection of ovarian cancer.

2005

\$5,000 – Fox Chase Cancer Center to support Dr. Christos Patriotis research programs on using the COX-1/2 enzymes and early signs of ovarian cancer, and the A20 genes function in resisting chemotherapy treatments.