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# **The laying hen: a model of spontaneous ovarian cancer**

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Absence of an effective early detection test makes ovarian cancer (OVCA) a fatal malignancy of women. OVCA, in most cases, is detected at late stages when the 5-year rates of survival of patients become <30% as opposed to the >90% if detected at early stage with the tumor is limited to the ovary. Non-specific symptoms at early stage and the problems of access to early-stage patients are significant barriers to the development of an early detection test. Thus, an animal model of spontaneous OVCA is urgently needed.

