

Ovarian cancer in Canada

Ovarian cancer is the most fatal women's cancer in the country. One in two women diagnosed will not live to see another five years. These **survival rates have not improved in 50 years** because shortfalls in government funding for urgently needed research have stalled scientific progress against this disease.

Facts on ovarian cancer

Every year, 2,800 Canadian women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer. 1,800 are lost to this disease. There is no reliable screening test and ovarian cancer is notoriously difficult to detect.

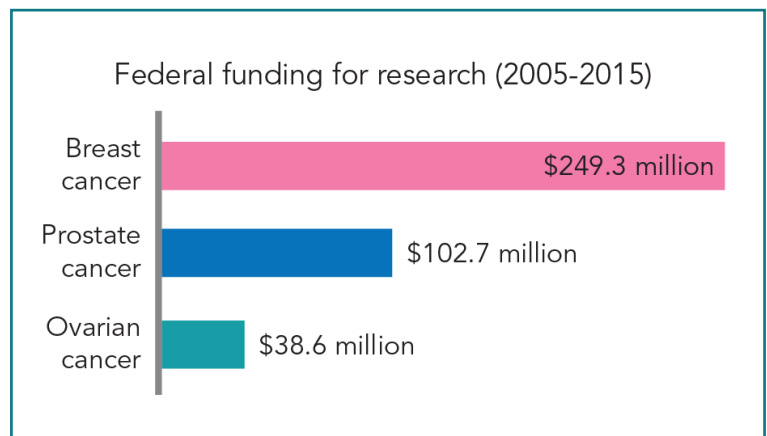
Canadian research community

Canada's ovarian cancer research community has led significant breakthroughs, such as seminal discoveries of gene mutations that increase risk, and scientific models that enable detailed study. But the country's **high calibre projects aren't receiving adequate funding**.

Government funding for research

Today ovarian cancer research receives less government funding than other cancers that are less fatal.

With significant backing, both breast and prostate cancer have seen vast improvements in treatment and outcomes. Five-year survival rates for these diseases are 87% and 95% respectively. Women and families living with ovarian cancer deserve similar progress, when it comes to this disease the five-year survival rate is 44%.



What is needed?

Government has to see ovarian cancer as a priority in women's health. A \$10 million investment in ovarian cancer research, would **enable researchers to work together to prioritize and coordinate efforts, based on where the most impact can be made in the least amount of time.**

The funding would enable researchers to improve experimental models, develop new treatments, and advance clinical trials.

What you can do

Have the ladyballs to do something about this important women's health issue.

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