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Women: Be Aware

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September has been designated *National Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month* in order to draw attention to the five types of cancer unique to women — cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar. Every year, over 73,000 women are diagnosed with a cancer affecting their reproductive organs and more than 27,000 die of the disease. The key to prevention is awareness and action. Gynecologic cancers have warning signs, so pay attention to your body and know what's normal for you. If you notice anything unusual, see your doctor right away. After all, treatment is most effective when gynecologic cancers are found early.

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